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## BUSINESS CARDS.

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BAILIFFS AND AUCTIONEERS. CHARLES BUTLER and HARRY HARRIS, Licensed Auctioneers for the County of Hastings. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. C. Butler, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, as usual. Residence, Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE NO. 239. I. G. O. F. Meets in the Lodge room, Conine block, **EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING** At 8 o'clock. G. L. SCOTT, R. S.

DENTISTRY. C. L. HAWLEY, L. D. S. TONTOON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling professionally, the second and last Friday in each month.

The Dental Engine, Vitalized Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to Dentistry, will be used in the extraction and preservation of the natural teeth.

Rooms visit Stirling House.

B. C. HUBBELL, MARMORA. ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND OFFICE OF THE POICE for county Hastings.

A. E. TWEEDIE, V. S., Stirling. Office one door west of the Kerby Hotel. All calls promptly attended day and night.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS. JOHN MOORE, IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Fells and Blue; also, Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

Note Heads, Envelopes, Billheads, Circulars, Cards, Posters,

—AND—

JOB PRINTING OF ALL KINDS, AT LOWEST RATES,

At News-Argus Office

Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN out license as Auctioneer for the County of Hastings is prepared to attend all sales on short notice. All sales will be at a reasonable price and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left at the News-Argus office or addressed to me at Stirling, will be promptly attended to.

W.M. RODGERS.

The News-Argus and Weekly Globe from now to the end of 1899 for \$1.50.

The News-Argus to end of 1899 and Family Herald and Weekly Star for one year for \$1.80. Subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star are entitled to a free copy of the famous battle scene "The Thin Red Line," in color, 17 x 30.

The News-Argus to end of 1899 and Weekly Mail and Empire for one year for \$1.50.

The News-Argus to end of 1899 and Farm and Fireside one year for \$1.50.

The News-Argus to end of 1899 and the daily Evening Star, Toronto, for one year for \$2.10. This rate only for subscriptions sent in before the 1st of January next.

We will club THE NEWS-ARGUS and Weekly Witness for \$1.65, or News-Argus and Daily Witness for \$3.00. The price of the Daily Witness alone is \$6.00 per annum.



## IT'S LIKE AN OLD FRIEND.

A Conversation that was Overheard the Other Day.

I have been trying those pick-me-up Suits, because I thought they were cheap, but I find they are not so cheap after all. Everyone knows you are wearing a pick-me-up for they never keep their shape, and I don't want any more of them when I can go to Fred Ward's and get a Suit made to Fit, Wear, and some Style about it for \$9.50 Cash, that will outwear two or three of them. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Try it.

**YOU CAN GET GLOVES AND MITTS ANYWHERE NOW**, but you can always rely on getting the best at Ward's,—and that is the reason we sell double the quantity.

**TIME TO BUY FURS.**—We have just received a new line of Caperines that are bound to sell. The price will sell them. Come and see them at

FRED. WARD'S,  
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR,  
FURNISHER AND FURRIER

## "GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS."

You must be clothed with warmer Clothing, and for UNDERWEAR we are the head ones. CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR from the smallest to the largest, in pants and vests, both boys' and misses'. Don't be afraid to call and examine them. MEN'S UNDERWEAR.—We have been leaders for prices and quality. Prices from 25cts. up.

**MEN'S OVERCOATS.**—We have a few left which we are selling very cheap prices, from \$4.00 up. Balance of LADIES' JACKETS now must be cleared out to make room for Santa Claus and his very many presents.

## JOB LOTS OF HATS AND WINGS.

## SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S CAPS.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY all Caps will be sold at Half-Price. Don't miss this chance. They are good value.

**POULTRY.**—We will buy any day of the week. Highest prices paid. Ducks ready for Stirling market.

500 bus. DRIED APPLES wanted at once. We now pay \$1.10 a bushel.

Always a Fresh Stock of GROCERIES on hand.

## C. F. STICKLE.



## ENGAGEMENT RINGS CHEAP.

## Christmas LESS THAN 4 WEEKS AWAY.

Have you thought about your Xmas presents yet? We would be pleased to have you look through our Stock. We are sure you would be able to make a selection, as our Stock was never better than it is at present. Make your selections early, they can be put away for you, besides you have a much better choice now than later on.

W. H. CALDER,  
JEWELER & OPTICIAN

Is the place to buy.



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# The Home

SOME POSSIBILITIES OF RAGS. When one has more leisure and energy than money, she can get "a deal of comfort" and satisfaction from her rag-bag.

Begir with the silk scraps. Cut these like carpet rags, from one-quarter of an inch to one inch in width, and sew the ends together on the machine, lapping and stitching without breaking the thread, cutting apart when all are sewed; or tying them by lapping the ends, cutting a small slit, as if for a button-hole, and drawing one end through.

Have the carpet-weaver arrange the warp, red dark warp is most desirable, in clusters of four threads, as close together as possible, with spaces of one inch between the clusters. These are handsome in all "hit-and-miss" or "Roman stripes"—that is, each color sewed and wound by itself, and woven in stripes of irregular width; or they may be combined, using the hit-and-miss, which produces a neutral effect, for the main portion of the curtain, with stripes in rich dark colors for the dado. The striped ones give quite an oriental aspect by inter-weaving an occasional row of heavy tinsel, being careful not to overdo it, or the effect will be tawdry. Have the ends of the warp carefully tied and clipped; then cut up from the bottom of each curtain four inches in the space between the clusters of four threads, and the result is a very novel and effective fringe. By exercising judgment and taste in combining the colors, you will have a pair of portieres, curtains or a couch cover handsome enough for either city or country house, warranted to outwear the owner, and in these days of lavish use of silk for shirt-waists, petticoats, linings, etc., not difficult to procure. A ball weighing one pound will make one square yard. The ordinary handloom will weave one yard and four inches wide.

There has been something of a revival of rag carpets, or rather, rag rugs; woven exactly like the old-fashioned rag carpets, and at springs and seashores last summer, the preparation of these rugs took the place of the ubiquitous "raggy" work.

I have seen quite artistic small rugs. One of these, for a Deft room, was entirely of white cotton rags, the color of the sun, with a border of black warp, this rose-color was made by dyeing white cotton rags with Diamond dyes, and was intended for a bedroom which had pink draperies, and one of scarlet with black warp, made from a lot of old bunting that had been used for decorating at a church fair.

The white rugs can be put into the wash-up when soiled. Diamond dyes will not run, and one is chosen one's own color in either silk or cotton. The soft all-wool rags, cashmere, hemisetas, flannels, choosing rather darker colors, and woven like the above, are an economical addition to a bedroom, saving the carpet in those much-used spots in front of bureaus and wash-stands.

One lady of my acquaintance had several old ingrain carpets thin and ragged. She paid a colored woman a dollar and a half to cut them into strips half inch wide, and had them woven with dark-blue warp, which mingled with the warm reds, browns and yellows if the carpet equalled, in beauty of coloring, an Turkish rug. The twenty yards of carpeting cost her six dollars and a half. Another one had a pair of dark tan chenille portieres with dull red borders, which had pulled into holes; these she had cut into strips, and the twenty yards of carpet made a pretty rug for a sofa passage.

So do not sell the rags for a few pennies, what may, with a little effort, be made into a thing of beauty and a joy for, almost, ever.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Few things are more displeasing to wash than cut glass. The crevices so readily secrete dust where it is hard to get at. By washing the whole with hot soda, and scrubbing the crevices with a moderately stiff brush, however, then rinsing in warm water and wiping dry with tissue paper, the work will be done very satisfactorily.

Are you ever annoyed by having your slippers and socks in daily use perspire? If you leave them strong borax water, several hours, the water being at boiling point when they are inserted.

After peeling onions, rub the hands on a stick of cedar, if you wish to banish the smell of the former.

Don't be afraid of purchasing coffee enough to last six months or a year.

Coffee when kept in a cool, dry place improves with age—that is, if it has not been browned.

In mixing mustard for table use, never add vinegar, since this deters life and flavor. Use hot water for moistening it, rather, having the water at the time of using only blood warm.

Remember that iron and polished steel, when not in use, may be kept from rusting by wiping with a cloth to which a little kerosene has been poured.

Never pat and smooth down mashed potatoes. Doing so makes them heavy.

To renovate varnished paints, save some tea leaves for a few days, steep them in a tin pail for half an hour, then strain through a sieve and use the tea for cleansing the paint. Owing to the fact that the tea acts as a strong detergent, it makes the paint nearly equal to new in appearance. Don't, however, make the mistake of washing unvarnished paints with it.

In boiling catups or pickles, boil the sarks, and white hot press them into the bottles, which, on the cork, cooling, will be tightly sealed. Utilize

the tin foil from compressed yeast, or anything else of a cleanly nature, for covering the sarks, and you have the kitchen.

A kitchen, to be up to date, should contain a small table about the height of the range or stove, to serve as a resting place for utensils when oncomets griddle cakes and such like are being prepared on the range, or a table, but a table covered with zinc.

If you would have a new broom last well and at the same time be pleasant to use, immerse it in boiling water, leaving until quite cold, then thoroughly dry it in the sun. The truth is, from the manufacturing of a broom adds to its usefulness, and also saves the cost.

Don't forget that one of the best contrivances for keeping knives, forks and tablespoons in is a pocket tacking on the party table, and made of a small tin with red cotton-flannel and stitch small divisions to fit each article. Thus "put up," they will keep bright and clean for the cotton-flannel rotation must be followed, allowing one year to each crop. This is probably as short a rotation as can be successfully used.

If Timothy is sown with the clover to occupy the land at the same time, the clover and Timothy may be allowed to occupy the land two years, but we doubt very much whether the stock farmer will find Timothy a satisfactory feed for his growing stock. Clover hay is much the better for all growing stock. Where oats can be successfully grown the rotation can be lengthened one year by following corn with oats, following oats with wheat and sowing the clover in the spring after the wheat is sown. This four-year rotation requires the plowing of the land twice, while the three-year rotation only requires the land to be turned once with the breaking plow.

It should be remembered that if Timothy is used in the rotation, it is a surface feeder, as it were, a robber plant, which may not return to the stock farmer a just compensation.

When the farmer has this land that he wishes to improve can be used

for the production of a paste made of cream of tartar wet up with water will remove them when alcohol will not. So, too, cream of tartar and water will remove iron mold spots, drying on the grass in the sun. If one application does not remove, repeat. Soaking in sour milk over night will usually remove ink stains, while the juice of a ripe tomato is useful in removing stains from the hands. Kerosene will clean many stains from oil cloth, brass or copper. Surfaces that would be marred by sand soaps can often be nicely cleaned with kerosene, followed by an application of hot soap suds. But my standby when all other remedies fail to successfully remove stains from white fabrics is javalle water. It is easily made, and once used no housekeeper will be without it. The formula is as follows: Four lbs bicarbonate of soda, 1 lb chloride of lime, 1 lb salt, 1 lb soap, 1 lb of water, place over the heat and boil 15 minutes, then stir in the chloride of lime until thoroughly dissolved. Allow to cool and settle, then strain through cloth, bottle and set aside to use. This water stays well, and if stored water, when up to date until the spot disappears, then wash as usual.

Do not use on colored materials, as it will destroy color. It will remove ink stains better than any other preparation we ever tried. One teaspoonful of oil liquid to a boiler of water whitens garments that have grown yellow from disuse.

## AN ATHLETIC BEAUTY.

Whether or no ardent practice of outdoor sports is injurious to beauty is a mighty serious question with a good many women. To quiet all doubts and give ocular proof of the truly beautifying influences of sport, let mention be made of some famous English beauties and their sincere love of all sorts of fresh-air play.

Here, for example, is the Marchioness of Downshire. If any one denies this lady's good looks they are simply impervious to the charms of a rosy, satiny complexion, rich, bright, chestnut hair, faultless teeth, ruby lips and limpid brown eyes. All these and limpid brown eyes. All these features, along with a handsome figure, this young woman possesses, and yet in the width and length of England there is not a more zealous and accomplished rider to bounds, wielder of golf clubs or expert bicyclist.

Lady Downshire is something more than a beauty, for she does not mind turning out of bed very early in the morning, drawing on her long, loose boot, slipping into a water-proof cloth coat, and stuff in hand, spending a morning with the woods. It is however, a morning in the shade of her boughs, with her Queen's hounds, with a fine pack in Berkshire, and when the hunting season is at its height in Ireland, she hurries over with her hounds and household to her husband's country seat in Fawn, and pursued the hunt for them.

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The Montreal Star has started a fund for the relief of St. James Methodist Church, Montreal, which is burdened by a heavy debt. Already over six thousand dollars have been subscribed.

Great loss of life and property has been occasioned by a terrible storm which raged along the Atlantic coast from New York to Halifax on Saturday and Sunday last. The worst disaster was the wreck of the steamship "Portland," which started from Boston Saturday evening, with about 60 passengers for Portland, Maine. The vessel was driven on the rocks at Cape Cod, and every person, passengers and crew, numbering in all 101, were lost. Other wrecks along the coast total about 170, and among those at least 40 lives were lost. The storm was the worst that has visited that section for many years.

A later despatch says it is believed 150 persons perished in the wreck of the Portland, and that in all over 200 lives were lost in the storm.

Mr. McNicholl, the general traffic manager of the C. P. R., estimates that 50,000 people went to the Klondyke during the past season. Of that number nearly 25,000 will return to their homes without reaching the gold fields. Of the other half, perhaps 100 will "strike it rich" and bring back fortunes, though 1,000 may get something. Mr. McNicholl goes on to say that each of the 50,000 carried with him an outfit costing several hundred dollars, and his travelling expenses were not less than \$250 or \$300. It is a very low estimate of the expenses to put it at \$500. In many cases it cost \$1,000 per head. But at \$500, the total expenditure was \$25,000,000. We thus see that the expenditure in gold-hunting and mining was \$25,000,000. Now, what are the results? The highest estimate of the output of gold is \$12,000,000, and it will probably not exceed \$5,000,000. Therefore, it has cost \$25,000,000 to obtain \$12,000,000. That means that it cost \$2 to obtain every \$1 in gold in the Klondyke.

The railway rate war is over. Articles of peace between Sir William Van Horne and Manager Hays were signed the day before Thanksgiving, so that the managers could eat their turkey with a great deal of satisfaction, while the general public have the pleasure of knowing that they can now contribute three cents per mile for railway fare instead of one, as for some time past. The Toronto World very cleverly hits off the situation in the following: "If there is anything that has filled the ordinary traveller with pangs of remorse it was accepting travel from Sir William Van Horne and Mr. Hays at one cent a mile! True, the cars were filled and the ticket-sellers were kept busy, and the traffic receipts came up to the usual figures. But the moral strain on the conscience of the people was too much, and, in answer to the many prayers of men and women, that the temptation was kept away from them, the railway authorities have raised the rates to what they were 'before' the war." A similar movement was inaugurated in Parliament for two cents a mile, but this disgraceful proposal will be headed off hereafter by the fact that the public prayed day and night to be delivered from cut-rate fares. Members of Parliament will be freed of any responsibility of reducing the rates; they will continue the time-honored custom of themselves taking passes and the public paying three cents a mile. Thank God that the three-cent-a-mile rate is restored to a railway travelling public, surfeited with one-cent-a-mile transportation! Thank God that Sir William Van Horne and Mr. Hays have caught the bad one-cent-a-mile turkey and that they cut off his head on the chopping block yesterday. The two general managers will have one-cent-a-mile turkey to-day with three-cent-a-mile sauce. The travelling public will get the goose."

#### Gold Mining In Frontenac.

There are now 90 men working at the gold mine in Clarendon, the northernmost township of Frontenac. Seventy are working at the gold vein and others are putting up mills and roasters. There are night and day gangs, and plenty of gold ore is being mined. They expect to have the mills for the free-milling process ready in three or four weeks. The mine is owned by a company with Mr. Boerth, a wealthy resident of Detroit, at its head, and is about 19 miles from the Kingston and Pembroke track. A short distance from the Boerth mine is a mine worked by an Ottawa company. They are sinking two shafts. The quartz which they find is mixed with copper, gold and silver.

Dr. Eames, mining engineer, is at present opening up a new gold mine in Frontenac County, seventeen miles west of Clarendon Station. He has a force of eighty men at work. Fifty of them are working on the construction of necessary buildings, the balance being engaged in actual mining. A furnace house, 35 x 100 feet, and a stamp mill, 30 x 60 feet, are almost completed, and a boarding-house, containing twenty-five rooms, is under way. Dr. Eames says the ore is very rich, having assayed \$600, \$800 and \$900 to the ton. He tried to interest local capitalists but without success, so he secured the aid

of American capitalists, who subscribed stock to the amount of \$1,500,000, with a paid-up capital of \$120,000. Dr. Eames has guaranteed to yield 10 per cent, on the total subscribed capital, which can be done even if the ore does not yield more than \$40 to the ton.

Secretary Long, of the United States navy, in his annual report, made public on Friday, asks for fifteen more warships at a total cost of over \$90,000,000.

It is stated that between twelve and thirteen million bushels of grain were shipped over the Ottawa, Arnprior and Grand Trunk railway during the past season, besides over 150,000 tons of package freight.

Lord Minto has purchased from D. Mr. P. M. Bowmann, the first prize carriage team that won such admiration at the Ottawa exhibition. They stand 15.2 and are a very showy span of mares. The price is \$1,000.

S. R. Rathbun, of Des Moines, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 1898, aged 74. He was treasurer of the Rathbun Company, also postmaster, and treasurer of the Bay of Quinte Rail way. He was forty-three years of age.

The debts due to the Ottawa Cheese Board by the firm of J. C. Warrington & Co. amount to \$27,000, and other Boards in Eastern Ontario are similar. The prospect of a dividend is not very bright, as the total assets amount to only about five thousand dollars.

There is a big demand across the line for Canadian apples, which with the good market in England, is causing a boom. It is unusual for Canadian merchants to send apples to the United States in any quantities, but the apple crop there is a failure, and dealers are looking to Canada.

A terrible storm visited the Atlantic coast from New York northwards on Saturday and Sunday last. Great damage was done to shipping, and many vessels were driven ashore in a number of lively sets. There was a heavy fall of snow which blocked railway traffic in the New England states.

The famous old Indian, Pete Wade, of Prescott, Mich., aged 118, who was married twice to squaws, and whose second wife died only about two months ago, was again married a few days ago to a Polish girl named Emma Jane Swantepanski, aged 55, who emigrated recently from Montreal, Canada.

Great quantities of apples are being exported to London from Halifax. So far this season the fruit is steady.

So far the market is good, and London 100,000 barrels of Nova Scotia apples, all of which have been shipped by farmers of the Annapolis Valley. This is far in excess of last year's shipment.

The Tedwood News is justly indignant at the leniency of the sentence given to Frank Hardy, the tramp who shot R. S. Perry, butcher, of that village. Hardy was sentenced to only 18 months in the Central Prison. This for an attempt at murder, while others convicted of petty thefts get sent down for from three to seven years.

The exports of cheese this season from Montreal has been 1,900,000 boxes, being 1,900,000 in 1897, 1,700,000 in 1896, and 1,744 more than in 1896. The exports of butter amount to 270,000 packages, being 49,800 more than last year. Through the multiplication of creameries the butter trade is rapidly increasing and promises soon to reach large proportions.

#### Heavy Winter Suits.

You get a suit of clothes made of heavy frieze, double-breasted coat, and the like, and a pair of heavy breeches bound to have, and plenty of it. Why not be prepared? The Oak Hall, Belleville, have some splendid suits that will do you good, at \$7 and \$8.

#### Good Reading.

One of the notable books of recent years on the subject of the Catacombs is that fascinating tale by Rev. Dr. W. H. Withrow, the noted author entitled "Valeria; or, the Martyr of the Catacombs," a 75-cent book, published by the Baker & Taylor Co. It is excellent in whatever we judge it—whether from an historical or literary standpoint, or from the interest of the story. Canada has great reason to be proud of so talented a writer as Dr. Withrow. The "Bible of Bethlehem" (paper cover) is another excellent book of the excellent books written and published by H. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass. It is a history in rhyme of our Saviour's life on earth, and is a work that should be in the hands of every child. It would make a child an excellent Christmas present.

#### Splendid \$4 Pea-Jackets.

You can get a pair of excellent Pea-Jackets at the Oak Hall, Belleville, for \$1. They are made of different sorts of frieze cloth, they have the high ultra collars, good linings, and all are round prime valuate as an ulster, only not quite as much length.

#### Christmas Literature.

Nothing could be more appropriate as a Christmas present than a good book. An interesting tale, teaching truth in a way that makes it most impressive, is an especially desirable gift to make a boy or girl. Such a book is "The Little Captain," a touching story exhibiting the evils of intemperance. The interesting tale "Buy Your Own Clothes" is also contained in this work, the price of which is 40 cents. It is published by the American Tract Society, 10 East 23rd St., New York City. It is a graceful book in every way. H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass., published "The Bible of Bethlehem," a handsome fifty-cent book that would be an excellent Christmas gift to a child. Mr. Hastings is a remarkable man, and his books are excellent.

#### Buy Oak Hall Clothing.

You can get a suit of clothes fitting that will be comfortable in buying from an establishment with a good reputation. The length of time the Oak Hall have been selling clothing in Belleville and the results shown is all the evidence needed that they are reputable and the best. Prices always the lowest and clothing the most reliable. A guarantee with every article sold.

#### PERSONALS.

THE STIRLING NEWS-ARGUS invites the contribution to this column of all items of personal news, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave a note in the office, and send card into the office, etc., for full particulars.

Mr. Jas. Dunn, of the Ontario office, and Misses Mabel Tugnet and Annie Covert, of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving Day in town during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Williams, of Belleville, were here this week with relatives and friends in town.

H. L. Boldrick, of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and Mr. Ernest Mickleborough, of Toronto, spent Thanksgiving with the former, passing here, and returned on Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Wilbur and John G. Wright, of Tweed, and Misses Effie and Jessie Wright, of Tweed, were here on Thanksgiving Day. They attended the Epworth League "At Home" in the evening, where Miss Effie Wright received the prize offered in the "Bible Study in Cake."

Miss Connie Thompson, of Kaledon, arrived in town on Thanksgiving Day on a visit to the parents of Mr. Jas. Fargey, of the "Bible Study in Cake."

Messrs. Ross and Cora Vandervoort and Miss M. B. Graham, of Campbellford, were visiting friends in town on Thanksgiving Day.

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She's a steaming boiler crammed with fire and steam. A toy, with dainty works like any watch, a working, weaving basket of tricks—Escrito, can and lever, cog and notch. She's steel. A steadiest, kicking, nervous, plugging along. A long, lean ocean liner—trimm'd down small; A man, leashed harness'd for the east. She can rest and rock and roll. Your body from your soul, And she's most unpleasent wet—to any the least!

But soon her slip in, sneaking down straight. All noiseless, deadly, silent—satin skin! Watch her gather for the rush and catch her breath!

See her dodge the wakeful cruiser's sweep. Hear the hum! Hear the hum! Her heart, coming, coming fast!

(The) same night made men wish they were at home.

Hear the rattling, rambling, barking rapid fire! See her boom out through the fog with bows.

Then some will wish for land.

(They'd be sand floors in the sand, Or yellow grubs reposing in the loam!)

She's a steaming boiler crammed with fire and steam.

A steaming toy, with works just like a watch,

Waving, weaving basket of tricks of life.

A poor volcano, stopped at top rock.

She's a steaming, swishing, barking, noise—

(Not the unison, but the awful—plain in sight.)

The dread that must beath when afar.

She's a concentrated, fragile form of might.

She's a steaming, swishing, barking, noise—

With a rending, deadly sting,

And she asks no odds nor quarter in the fight!

—McClure's Magazine.

## THE LEG.

In the autumn of the year 1752 M. Louis Thévenet, one of the most eminent surgeons in Calais, received a written request to sign a request to be sent on the next day to a man he knew not far from the town on the road to Paris. He was asked to bring with him the instruments necessary for an amputation.

Thévenet was known far and wide for skill in his profession. It was indeed no uncommon thing for him to be called in consultation to England. He had served long in the army. There was something bearish in his manner, yet it was impossible not to love him for his goodness of heart.

He rendered a good deal over the letter, Time, place and hour were designated with the greatest exactness, but there was no sort of signature.

"Some fool is trying to send me on a wild goose chase," thought he and did not go.

Three days later he received the same request in yet more pressing terms, with the addition that at 9 o'clock the next day a carriage would stop for him at the door. And in fact at the stroke of 9 next morning the carriage stood at the door a handsome open carriage.

He made no further objection, but got into it, saying to the coachman, "To whom are you taking me?"

The man answered in English, "With things unknown to me I am not concerned."

"You are a rascal," retorted the surgeon.

The carriage stopped at length before a country villa.

"Who lives here? Who is ill here?"

Thévenet asked again, but he was the same.

At the house door he was met by a hand-some young man, perhaps eight and twenty years of age, who conducted him up the stairway and into a large apartment. His accent betraying that he was a Briton, Thévenet addressed him in English.

"It is you who have sent for me?" he said.

"I am very grateful for the trouble you have taken on my account," replied the young fellow. "Pray be seated. Here are chocolate, coffee and wine in case you desire some refreshment before the operation."

"First show me the invalid, sir. I must examine the injury to see whether amputation is necessary."

"It is necessary, M. Thévenet. Be seated. I have every confidence in you. Listen to me. Here is a purse containing 100 guineas. You are to have a sum for the operation you are about to undergo. If you can accomplish it successfully, there is nothing more to be said. In the opposite case, or if you refuse, here is a loaded pistol. You are in my power, and, d—n me, but I'll make you pay for it."

"Sir, I am not afraid of your pistol. But what do you want? Out with it, without preface! What am I to do here?"

"You must cut off my right leg."

"With all my heart, sir, and, your too, but, if you wish it. But if I am not mistaken, the leg seems to be perfectly sound. What about your right leg?"

"Nothing. But I wish to be rid of it."

"Sir, you are a fool!"

"That need not trouble you, monsieur."

"How has that handsome leg missed you?"

"In no way. But have you made up your mind to rid me of it?"

"Sir, I do not know you. At least bring me witnesses that you are otherwise of sound mind."

"Will you fulfill my request, M. Thévenet?"

"Yes, sir, as soon as you give me reasonable grounds for thus troubling you."

"I cannot now tell you the truth—perhaps after a year. But I will wager, sir, I will wager that at the end of that time you yourself will confess that my reasons were foolish."

"I will wager nothing unless you tell me your name, your residence, your occupation."

"You shall know all hereafter. I beg you to believe me of honor."

"A man of honor does not threaten his physician with pistols. I have duties toward even you, a stranger. I will not cripple you unnecessarily. If you wish to become the assassin of an innocent man, then shoot."

"I am a scoundrel," said the Briton, picking up the pistol. "I will not shoot you, but I will force you nevertheless to take off my leg. What you will not do out of kindness for me or from desire of reward, or from fear of a bullet, a bullet must do for me out of pity."

"I will myself shatter it with a shot," and he pointed himself and placed the muzzle of the pistol directly over his knee.

Thévenet sprang toward him to restrain him.

"Do not touch me," cried the young man, and with that the Briton! Only answer me one question. Will you needlessly increase and lengthen my suffering?"

"Sir, you are a fool! But I will do your will. I will take your leg off."

Everything was made ready for the

operation. As soon as it began the Englishman lit his pipe and swore it should not out. He kept his word. The leg lay down on the floor, and he continued to smoke.

Thévenet finished the business like a master. The invalid was hoisted in a rectangular frame. He lay back. He put the supports when he treasured his limbs.

Number two, so trim and neat,

With their little heels, whose tapping

On the floor made music.

Number three, and all the sizes

In between—the street.

On the street and all—a-hustle,

Steering all the selfsame way,

Drawn as by some strong magnet.

As the clowns' own locomotors,

And the bigger, slower fests

Of the world's great diversions—

Number four, so trim and neat,

With their little heels, whose tapping

On the floor made music.

Number five, so trim and neat,

With their little heels, whose tapping

On the floor made music.

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## SMILE PROMPTERS.

### Up to Date Event.

Tripping feet of dainty daughters,

Playful, gay, and gay,

As the clowns' own locomotors,

And the bigger, slower fests

Of the world's great diversions—

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On the floor made music.

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On the floor made music.

Number thirty-one, so trim and neat,

# THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

## THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

### CANADA.

The cost of the recent plebiscite in Hamilton amounted to about \$1,300.

Lord Minto has consented to become Patron of the Amateur Skating Association.

John Torrance of Montreal, has subscribed \$50,000 towards the building of St. James' Methodist church there.

Hamilton Police Commissioners have finally refused the Vernal Transfer Company's application for a license.

Belleisle ratepayers have voted in favour of the by-laws to bonus the carpet makers and millers there.

Tragically and Mount Royal, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, has arrived at Ottawa on a brief visit.

Mr. Thomas McDougall of Hamilton was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while duck-shooting on the bay at Niagara.

The body of Samuel Burns has been found in a swamp near his home at Weymouth, N.S. Foul play is suspected.

English bondholders of Winnipeg's water-works system have accepted \$287,500, the city's offer for the whole system.

Mr. James Marshall struck a blow of natural gas while drilling a well on Mr. Wm. Bethune's farm near Ryckman's Corners on Wednesday.

The Elder-Dempster Co., is increasing its Montreal Atlantic fleet by the addition of six new vessels now in course of construction.

A Sinclair, law student of Winnipeg, is reported to have fallen heir to an estate worth several millions, by the death of his uncle in New York.

The annual exhibition of the Ontario and Toronto Poultry Associations in connection with the American Poultry Association will be held in Toronto in January.

J. H. and O. Glass commercial travellers of London, lost all their samples and personal effects in the fire which destroyed the C. P. R. station at Virden, Man.

The Government has decided to extend clemency in the case of Henry Davidson, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of his son in Antigonish County, N. S.

John McDonald, an employee of the Karn Olson and Piano Company, Woodstock, is under arrest there on a charge of ill-treating his four-year-old wife, Charles Skeates.

Five shares of the Bank of New Brunswick stock, par value, one hundred dollars each, were sold at auction at the Royal York, on Tuesday for \$300.50 per share. The highest figure heretofore reached was \$280.

The Winnipeg section of the Canadian Bankers' Association has adopted an emphatic protest against the city of Brandon pursuing any course which would lead to a repudiation by the city of its financial obligations.

Mrs. Thompson of Hamilton was attacked by a crowd of rowdy men in a house on Wednesday. She was cut on the horns of the coat and through over its head, and was in danger of being seriously injured when rescued.

The Locomotive Works of Kingston have now thirteen engines under contract, two buildings for the Intercolonial R. R., six for the C.P.R. Company, and now five more have been ordered by Hon. Mr. Blair for the Government railway.

Galician detectives are now engaged in the work of unearthing the Stuart but in Manitoba, soldier mystery, and his son, and his four children were found slaughtered. A bloodstained coat has been found some distance from the house.

The Stevens' Manufacturing Company's building at London was damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by fire on Saturday night. During the blaze some of the persons who had been engaged in the robbery about half a dozen places.

**GERALD BRITAIN.**

Recent gales caused serious floods in Ireland.

The latest vagary of fashion in London is monocles for women.

Sir John Goldie-Taubman, Speaker of the House of Commons since 1867, is dead at London.

The American trans-Atlantic Line has ordered six twin screw liners from firms at Newcastle and the Clyde.

Sir John Fowler, who was engineer-in-chief of the Forth Bridge, for which service he was created baronet, is dead at London.

Sims Reeves has completed his treatise on the art of singing, in which he expounds the secrets of the old Italian methods.

Rev. Dr. Kane, rector of Christ's Church, Belfast, and Grand Master of the Belfast Orange man, is dead from a stroke of apoplexy.

Japan's famous Kasagi, built by the Cramps of Philadelphia, is at Shields, Eng., en route to Newcastle to ship her Armstrong guns.

British exports for the year ending with October, decreased \$10,000,000, chiefly, it is said, through the alteration in the U. S. tariff.

Lord Thomas J. Lipton will convert his tea, coffee and provision business in the United States into a stock company in February.

One hundred and forty-four boats of the fragments that remained from the Lord Mayor's banquet on November 9th, were distributed among an estimated 1,000 of foreign persons.

The British Government will add a generous sum to the Mansion House fund of \$220,000 for the relief of the distress and damage caused by the recent hurricane in the West Indies.

Anonymous donors have paid to the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy the cost of the gold communion plate which

Mr. Ernest T. Hooley, who is now in the Bankruptcy Court, presented to St. Paul's Cathedral.

The British Government has decided to make a general grant for the relief of the distress and damage caused by the recent hurricane in the West Indies. The Mansion House fund for this purpose is inadequate, only £44,000, being realized.

Right Hon. Charles T. Ritchie, discussing the subject of British trade before the Croydon Chamber of Commerce, regretted that the exports of the year ending with October had increased \$2,000,000, chiefly through the alteration in the United States tariff.

Statistics show a decided increase in the consumption of meat in Great Britain during the year, rising from 112 to 122 pounds per capita per annum.

This is supposed to be due to the vast importations of frozen meats from Australia, and live cattle from Tasmania.

Lapland has just begun to publish its first newspaper. It is dated in a town with an unpronounceable name, is written upon a single sheet, and is issued every even day.

Electric tram lines have been laid over a portion of the street car system in Liverpool, and experimental cars have been run, though the route is not yet open for public use.

The Italian Government has sent an ultimatum to the Sultan of Morocco to the effect that the treatment of all Italian subjects, and a warning that he is appointed to bring the reply back.

United STATES.

Col. Henry Lee, noted banker, is dead at Boston.

Kansas, Minnesota and Wisconsin have been visited by a blizzard.

A trust to control the trade of the United States is being formed at New York.

The Wilson Bank at Utica, Ohio, has been robbed of \$5,000 in currency and \$7,000 in bonds.

The widow of George M. Pullman, the car magnate will receive \$9,000 a month as her share of the estate.

Franz Abel, an Austrian artist, fell dead while finishing a picture in New York. He was working there in poverty. His sister is a countess living in Vienna.

An ex-tax collector is charged at Holyoke, Mass., with embezzling \$15,000.

Nearly 3,000 operatives in the cotton mills at Augusta, Ga., are on strike against the reduction of wages.

The last person were injured in a week caused by a cow on the Big Four Railroad near Alton, Ill., on Tuesday.

The French Line steamer La Normandie, at New York from Havre, is detained at quarantine owing to smallpox among her steerage passengers.

Eleven men were injured, four probably fatally, in a fire in East Cambridge, Mass., on Tuesday. The watchman of the destroyed factory is missing.

It is estimated that Duluth there is between four million and five million bushels of wheat, now under contract to go forward before the close of navigation.

John Wagenblast, aged 20, is in St. Catharine's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., with both eyes, cheeks, nose and lips badly burned, but the physicians say he will live. He had accidentally shot himself.

An American naval demonstration, it is said, will follow Turkey's refusal to make good the indemnity which the United States has exacted of the country and property of American citizens and property of American citizens in the Armenian massacres.

The grand jury at Philadelphia has returned true bills against United States Senator Quay, his son, Richard Quay, and ex-State Treasurer Benjamin J. Haywood, charged with conspiracy to unlawfully use public money deposited in the People's Bank of Philadelphia.

GENERAL.

Madrid is threatened with a strike of miners.

A Cariel rising is again reported imminent in Spain.

The chief of the rebels in Sierra Leone has been captured.

Ebu Bureh, the rebellious chief of Sierra Leone, has been captured.

Two descendants of Christopher Columbus are said to be occupants of a pothouse in Cadiz.

The Columbus monument, formerly in the Cathedral at Havana, has been shipped to Spain.

Recent gales are reported to have washed away many fishing vessels on the North Sea coast.

France will raise a loan of \$54,000,000 with which to extend the Indo-China railways into China.

President Faure of France, donned miners' clothing and went down into a mine at Lens, France.

Germany has made a contract with the Krupps for the construction of a naval dock for Kiao-Chau.

Twenty-one rebels are reported to have been killed by an explosion in a rocket factory at Nikolayev, Russia.

The French Cabinet will raise a loan of \$70,000,000 francs with which to push Indo-China railways on into China.

The following table shows how the wheat in peat in the elevators compared with the inspection in 1897 November 21st:

Crop. 1898. 1897.  
No. 1 hard. 51.30 78.45  
No. 2 hard. 69.62 18.70  
No. 3 hard and No. 2. . . . .

North. . . . . 02.

No. 1 Northern. . . . . 3.16  
No. grade. . . . . 03.12  
Rejected. . . . . 01.80 02.66

Total. . . . . 100 100

The farmers are still disposed to hold their wheat for higher prices, and it is thought that a larger quantity will be held for a longer time than ever before in the history of grain-growing in this country.

Prices in the country range from 50 to 100 cents. No. 1 hard, spot, Fort William, 76 1/2 cents; No. 2 hard, 66 1/2 cents; No. 3 extra red, 70 1/2 cents; No. 4 red, 74 1/2 cents; No. 5 extra red, 78 1/2 cents; No. 6 extra red, 82 1/2 cents; No. 7 extra red, 86 1/2 cents; No. 8 extra red, 90 1/2 cents; No. 9 extra red, 94 1/2 cents; No. 10 extra red, 98 1/2 cents; No. 11 extra red, 102 1/2 cents; No. 12 extra red, 106 1/2 cents; No. 13 extra red, 110 1/2 cents; No. 14 extra red, 114 1/2 cents; No. 15 extra red, 118 1/2 cents; No. 16 extra red, 122 1/2 cents; No. 17 extra red, 126 1/2 cents; No. 18 extra red, 130 1/2 cents; No. 19 extra red, 134 1/2 cents; No. 20 extra red, 138 1/2 cents; No. 21 extra red, 142 1/2 cents; No. 22 extra red, 146 1/2 cents; No. 23 extra red, 150 1/2 cents; No. 24 extra red, 154 1/2 cents; No. 25 extra red, 158 1/2 cents; No. 26 extra red, 162 1/2 cents; No. 27 extra red, 166 1/2 cents; No. 28 extra red, 170 1/2 cents; No. 29 extra red, 174 1/2 cents; No. 30 extra red, 178 1/2 cents; No. 31 extra red, 182 1/2 cents; No. 32 extra red, 186 1/2 cents; No. 33 extra red, 190 1/2 cents; No. 34 extra red, 194 1/2 cents; No. 35 extra red, 198 1/2 cents; No. 36 extra red, 202 1/2 cents; No. 37 extra red, 206 1/2 cents; No. 38 extra red, 210 1/2 cents; No. 39 extra red, 214 1/2 cents; No. 40 extra red, 218 1/2 cents; No. 41 extra red, 222 1/2 cents; No. 42 extra red, 226 1/2 cents; No. 43 extra red, 230 1/2 cents; No. 44 extra red, 234 1/2 cents; No. 45 extra red, 238 1/2 cents; No. 46 extra red, 242 1/2 cents; No. 47 extra red, 246 1/2 cents; No. 48 extra red, 250 1/2 cents; No. 49 extra red, 254 1/2 cents; No. 50 extra red, 258 1/2 cents; No. 51 extra red, 262 1/2 cents; No. 52 extra red, 266 1/2 cents; No. 53 extra red, 270 1/2 cents; No. 54 extra red, 274 1/2 cents; No. 55 extra red, 278 1/2 cents; No. 56 extra red, 282 1/2 cents; No. 57 extra red, 286 1/2 cents; No. 58 extra red, 290 1/2 cents; No. 59 extra red, 294 1/2 cents; No. 60 extra red, 298 1/2 cents; No. 61 extra red, 302 1/2 cents; No. 62 extra red, 306 1/2 cents; No. 63 extra red, 310 1/2 cents; No. 64 extra red, 314 1/2 cents; No. 65 extra red, 318 1/2 cents; No. 66 extra red, 322 1/2 cents; No. 67 extra red, 326 1/2 cents; No. 68 extra red, 330 1/2 cents; No. 69 extra red, 334 1/2 cents; No. 70 extra red, 338 1/2 cents; No. 71 extra red, 342 1/2 cents; No. 72 extra red, 346 1/2 cents; No. 73 extra red, 350 1/2 cents; No. 74 extra red, 354 1/2 cents; No. 75 extra red, 358 1/2 cents; No. 76 extra red, 362 1/2 cents; No. 77 extra red, 366 1/2 cents; No. 78 extra red, 370 1/2 cents; No. 79 extra red, 374 1/2 cents; No. 80 extra red, 378 1/2 cents; No. 81 extra red, 382 1/2 cents; No. 82 extra red, 386 1/2 cents; No. 83 extra red, 390 1/2 cents; No. 84 extra red, 394 1/2 cents; No. 85 extra red, 398 1/2 cents; No. 86 extra red, 402 1/2 cents; No. 87 extra red, 406 1/2 cents; No. 88 extra red, 410 1/2 cents; No. 89 extra red, 414 1/2 cents; No. 90 extra red, 418 1/2 cents; No. 91 extra red, 422 1/2 cents; No. 92 extra red, 426 1/2 cents; No. 93 extra red, 430 1/2 cents; 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## INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

IT IS SAID TO BE THE WILL OF PETER THE GREAT.

The Czar the Great Czar Wished His Successors to Take in Order to Acquire Universal Dominion—Genuineness of the Will is Disputed.

The copy of the will of Peter the Great is taken from "The Mercantile Guardian," of London, England, who received it from a London publisher. We have not before met with it in print, but we print it here that it may be read with particular interest in connection with the present Czar's suggestion for universal disarmament. It is only fair, however, to point out, as is shown in the footnote, that the genuineness of the will is disputed.

WILL OF PETER THE GREAT  
(In which he prescribes to his successors the course which they ought to follow in order to acquire universal dominion)

"In the name of the most holy and invisible Trinity, we, Peter the Great, unto all our descendants and successors to the throne and government of the Russian nation.

"The All-Powerful, from whom we hold our life and our throne, after having revealed unto us his wishes and intentions, and after being our support, permit us to look upon Russia as called upon to establish her rule over all Europe. This idea is based upon the fact that all the nations of this portion of the globe are fast approaching a state of utter decrepitude. From this it results that they can be easily conquered by a new race of people when it has attained full power and strength. We look upon our invasion of the West and the East as a decree of Divine Providence which has already once regenerated the Roman Empire by an invasion of barbarians.

"The emigration of men from the North is like the inundation of the Nile, which at certain seasons enriches with its waters the arid plains of Egypt. We found Russia a small rivulet, we leave it an immense river. Our successors will make of it an ocean, destined to fertilise the whole of Europe, if they know how to guide its waves. We leave them, then, the following instructions, which we earnestly recommend to their constant meditation—

1. To keep the Russian nation in constant warfare, in order always to have good soldiers. Peace must only be permitted to remit the finances. To recruit the army, choose the moment favourable for attack. Thus peace will advance your projects of war, and war those of peace, for obtaining the enlargement and prosperity of Russia.

2. Draw unto you, by all possible means from the civilized nations of Europe, captains during war, and learned men during peace—so that Russia may benefit by the advantages of other nations.

3. Take care to mix in the affairs of all Europe, particularly of Germany, which, being the nearest nation to you, deserves your chief attention.

4. Divide Poland, by raising up continual disorders and jealousies within its borders. Gain over its rulers with gold; influence them in the diet, in order to have a voice in the election of the kings. Make partisans to protect them, if neighboring powers raise objections and opposition, surround them by stirring up discord within their countries.

5. Take all you can from Sweden, and, to effect this, isolate her from Denmark and vice versa. Be careful to remove their jealousy.

6. Make Russian princes with German principles, particularly these alliances; unite these interests; and, by the increase of our influence attack Germany to our cause.

7. Make war with England, on account of our commerce, as being the country the most useful for the development of our navy, merchants, etc., and for the exchange of our produce against her gold; keep up continued communications with her merchants and sailors, so that ours may acquire experience in commerce and navigation.

8. Constantly extend yourselves along the shores of the Baltic and borders of the Danube.

9. Use all in your power to approach closely Constantinople and India. Remember that he who rules over these countries is the real sovereign of the world. Let us, up to continued wars with Turkey and Persia, establish our yards in the Black Sea. Gradually obtain the command of this sea, as well as of the Baltic. This is necessary for the development of our projects. Hasten the fall of Russia. Open for yourself a route towards the Asian Gulf. Re-establish as much as possible, by means of Syria, the ancient commerce of Levant, and thus advance towards India. Once more, you will not require English gold.

10. Carefully seek the alliance of Austria. Make her believe that you will support her in her projects for dominion over Germany, and secretly stir up the jealousy of other states against her, and manage that such be proposed to call the assistance of Austria, and exert over each a sort of protection which will lead the way to future dominion.

11. Make Austria drive the Turks out of Europe, and neutralise her jealousy by offering to her a portion of your country, which you will further on take back.

12. Above all, recall around you the schismatic Greeks, who are spread over Hungary and Poland; become their master and support—as universal dominion over them, by a kind of sacred duty, appears most desirable; by this you will have many friends amongst your enemies.

13. Sweden dismembered, Persia conquered. Persia subjugated, Turkey beaten, our arms unbroken, the Black and Baltic Seas guarded by our vessels,

prepared separately and secretly first in the Court of Versailles, then that of Vienna, to share the empire of the world with Russia. If one accept flatly the alliance, all other strong men make an effort to crush the result, by engaging them in war. The result cannot be doubtful; Russia will be possessed of the whole of the East, and a great portion of Europe.

14. If, which is not probable, both should refuse the offer of Russia, raise a quarrel between them, and one which will ruin them both. The Russian army, in this desperate moment, will inundate Germany with the troops which she will have assembled before-hand, and, at the same time, a fleet of soldiers will be in the Baltic and the Black Sea, will advance along the Mediterranean and the Ocean, keeping France in check with one, Germany with the other. And these two empires, the one of which is the British and the other, that of Europe, will fall under our yoke.

Thus can Europe be subjugated.

"The will of Peter the Great, described in the "Memorial of a French Gentleman," "a plan for compassing European supremacy" left for his successors, and deposited in the archives of the palaces of Peterhoff, near St. Petersburg. It advanced upon the Indies, and, in its progress to Constantinople and towards the Indies, wars with Turkey and Persia, possession of the shores of the Black Sea and the Baltic, etc., etc.

15. The will of the Czar, was first announced by M. Lescar in his "Progrès de la Paixance Russe," published at Paris in 1812. In 1855 Dr. Berthiz, of Riga, asserted that the will of the Czar, as originally dictated by Napoleon I. Mr. W. J. Thomas, the antiquary, and others, contend for the genuineness of the will as recently as June, 1878.)

## TOLD BY THE EDITOR

DURING A HOLIDAY RAMBLE HE VISITS THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

He Found Changes That Astonished Him One of Which Deserves the Wides Publication for the Benefit It May Prove to Others.

From the Leader and Recorder, Toronto Junction.

The editor of the Leader and Recorder during his recent holiday trip through the counties of York, Peel, Dufferin and Grey, spent a few days at the old parental homestead where he was born and spent many happy years.

The old homestead is in the township of Elgin, Grey county, half a mile and a half south of the village of Heathcote, and about ten miles from the town of Meaford.

It is occupied by the writer's youngest brother, George J. Fawcett. The latter was the picture of health and robustness, when he came from Detroit, where he had been living for several years, and took possession of the homestead, he was in such feeble health that his life was despaired of, the writer suggested that the bracing exercise of the regions might make the best medicine in the case of a shattered constitution. The reply made contained statements so remarkable that we consider it a pleasure as well as a duty to give them as wide publication as possible, through the columns of the Leader and Recorder.

A severe attack of malaria, contracted whilst in Detroit, brought the writer's brother to death's door, from which he recovered only to find himself the victim of a complication of troubles which unfeigned him to work. He was attended by one of the best known

physicians in Detroit, but he received little or no benefit from their treatment. Change of air was finally recommended and he removed with his family to the country of Grey. A slight change for the better was noticeable at first, but he soon relapsed into the old condition and again sought help from the leading doctors of the district.

Sleeplessness took possession of him, and soon he was wakened away in a more sleepless.

The doctors declared that he could do nothing more for him and advised him to go to California. During all these weary months he read in the papers from time to time, and the "Daily News" to the tenth power, the "mild" cures wrought by Dr. William's Pink Pills. He had no faith in such remedies, and it was only when the physicians told him that they could do no more for him, and that the disease was too far advanced to be cured, that he would try a box of the pills.

As a young man Labouchere was possessed of a strong constitution, having had a good education and a house of hope.

When it came time to marry he had no choice but to marry his own choice of an lady, he applied to Sir Francis Baring for leave to pay his addresses to his daughter.

Sir Francis Baring, as Labouchere, thought a rising young man had no fortune.

"But if Hope takes me into partnership" said Labouchere.

"Oh yes if Hope takes you into partnership."

As Labouchere than went to Hope, and intimated his wish for this arrangement. Hope in his turn demurred.

"But if I marry Baring's daughter?" said Labouchere.

"Oh if you marry Baring's daughter—"

This was enough for Labouchere. He concluded his wooing by marrying Baring's daughter, whereupon he became a partner in Hope's.

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# THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

## THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country  
Great Britain, the United States, and  
All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and  
Asserted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Major-General Hutton has gone to New Brunswick caribou hunting.

The new Imperial penny postage stamp is now on sale at Ottawa.

The Northern Pacific Railway Co. will further extend their system in Manitoba next season.

The Northwest Land Company reports that their sales have doubled themselves during the past eleven months.

Judge MacDowell has declined to release Massey Hall, Toronto, from taxation.

It is reported that the bubonic plague has broken out in Chinatown, San Francisco.

The corporation of McGill University has decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. upon Lord Minto.

Ald. Davies of Toronto, purposes getting after the departmental stores again on the question of taxation.

The Governors of McGill University, Montreal, have passed a resolution affiliating Vancouver College with the university.

The marine section of the Toronto Board is trying such improvements to Toronto harbour as would make it an ocean port.

It is said that the trustees of Emerald Street Methodist Church, Hamilton, contemplate suing delinquent subscribers.

A CPR official at Montreal denies the statement that the company is not amply equipped and prepared to handle the western grain business.

The Quebec Harbor Commissioners have decided to grant exemption from harbor dues to any line of trans-Atlantic steamers making that port its western terminus.

The steamer is received at Vancouver that the Great Northern Railway is to bridge the Fraser River at New Westminster, and extend its system into Vancouver City.

The London City Council and the Bell Telephone Company have made a new agreement for five years and the People's Telephone Company has withdrawn from the field.

Whether the Government supplies them or not the Toronto Public School Cadets who are now being selected to visit Florida will be supplied with a uniform. They will cost \$500.

A large petition is being circulated among Northern British subjects asking for compensation from Ashcroft, through Caribou and Omenica, which is being opened up very fast.

A Norway whaler, who owns a fleet of whalers on Norway's coast, is in Vancouver for the purpose of establishing a whaling fleet for the Pacific, via Victoria or Vancouver as a home port.

Customs receipts from the 1st of May to the close of navigation last year at Montreal were \$3,768,345, and \$4,842,695 for the same period this year.

Exports of grain from Montreal during the season of navigation just closed show an increase of nearly 20,000,000 bushels compared with last year.

During the 13 years from 1885 to 1898, 108 persons have been condemned to death in Canada for murder. Of the 60 were executed, and 48 sentences were commuted.

The Manitoba Elevator Company which owned thirty-seven elevators, has sold out to the Northern Dominion Elevator Company. Bredy, Love & Tryon, The Northern Elevator Co., now own 117 elevators.

It is reported that Judge Dugas, who went to the Klondike a couple of months ago to succeed Judge Maguire is troubled with his eyes, and finds it difficult to try them that he may have to resign.

Harry Morgan, at present in Vancouver, claims to have discovered a huge body of ore, a very mountain of mineral, on the north-east coast of Vancouver Island. The deposit, he says, strikingly resembles the Treadwell mine.

In view of the approach of the Christmas season, attention is directed to the fact that no parcel can be sent from Canada to any other country by parcel post unless it bears a customs declaration setting forth the nature of its contents.

It is reported that the Canadian Pacific has purchased a large block of land in the centre of Winnipeg, fronting on the Red River, upon which a handsome union depot will be erected in the year 1899, to be used as a freight office.

C. P. R. land sales for the month of November amount to 27,000 acres, for which \$85,000 was realized. This is a substantial increase over the showing made in October, when 17,000 acres were sold for \$56,000.

The Toronto citizen commissioners report that the total value of the building permits issued during the month of November was \$169,000, and the total value for the past eleven months of the year \$1,619,000, an increase of almost 100 per cent.

Mr. Douglas, Superintendent of the Banff National Park, suggests that the size of the park should be increased by taking in the watershed of the Bow River, the extension would be used as a game preserve, and would be under the park management.

The latest comes from Dawson City bring news that Frank Slavin, the prize fighter, has secured the right to fight in the ring for five miles up the Klondike river, which is 1,000 feet high. Any other man living in this region must pay tribute to Mr. Slavin at the rate of \$7 a card.

Mr. Shaw of Toronto, has received a letter from the British War Office stating that the Twenty-third Lancers will not return from Egypt for about a year, and that they will be in the ordinary course of events, re-

main at home for several years. Consequently they cannot pass through Canada on the way to India.

Manitoba and North-Western buyers will have again to contend in Vancouver with the American and Australian and New Zealand shippers to get the market as to prospects for advantageously laying down shipments of butter in British Columbia.

Last week, and still a good price was realized for Australian butter, which took very well.

The Edmonton District Railway Company will ask Parliament to pass a bill to build a railway, the cost by way of the North or Peace River passes, or to connect with the line which the British Pacific Railway Company is authorized to construct, also a branch line to the Yukon River, and to connect that to the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway Company.

The Ontario Provincial Board of Health has adopted a resolution making it obligatory for physicians to report all cases of tuberculosis to the Board.

If a physician is consulted, then this duty should fall upon the householders; that local health boards should provide for the regular and systematic disinfection of the domiciles in which the patient lives.

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It is reported that the Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria has been discovered at Sofia and numerous arrests have been made.

The Royal Official on Tuesday, in Paris, publishes a decree forbidding advertisements in France of fruit products from the United States.

The British steamer Belluro, at Liverpool from Montevideo, lost 1,794 sheep on the voyage.

The Lancet says the Prince of Wales has entirely recovered from the accident to his knee in July last.

The Colonial Institute of London, Eng., has passed a resolution expressing gratification at the coming Imperial Penny postage.

They say the Mayor of High Wycombe each year. The year Liverpool is to be the champion heavyweight of England. His name is Outram, pronounced "Whootton".

Mr. William Waldo Astor has donated \$5,000 toward the fund raised at the instance of General Lord Kitchener to found the Gordon Memorial College at Kharoum.

The Bank of Spain has made a fresh advance to the Government of \$60,000,000 pesetas (\$12,000,000) to cover the expenses of repossessing the Spanish troops in the Philippines and their valuable.

A new star has appeared in the firmament of musical art in Italy. It is the Abbe Perosi, over whose latest composition, "The Resurrection of Lazarus," the Italian papers are profuse in their eulogies.

The French Government has decided to make Noumea, capital of the French colony of New Caledonia its naval headquarters in the Pacific. A large dock and naval works will be erected there.

A bomb cartridge containing 140 grains of powder and nails, capable of doing terrible damage, was found in the Hourse at Marseilles, France, on Tuesday. The fuse had been lighted, but it did not burn.

Lieut-General Correa, Spanish Minister of War, declares that the Government has 140,000 troops in readiness to combat a Custer rising, and will soon have 200,000 available. He does not believe that Britain is intent to move.

The interior of the colony of New Amsterdam is to be entirely renovated, and the young Queen has ordered that the entrance, the vestibules, the doors and the passages are to be painted a light colour. The work will not begin until the spring.

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Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, whose health is failing, is about to resign the pastorate of the Plymouth church, Brooklyn, N. Y., to go to Europe.

Joseph Choute, of New York, is being taken as Mr. Hayes successor as Ambassador of the United States to Great Britain.

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### CHAPTER V.

A wide expanse of flooded meadow lay from the completely dried bed of a stream which winds in a meander line to the rising ground to the north, studded over with clumps of bare and blackened trees, surmounted by a long, cheerless, grey sky—the sun, low and flat, cast long and low-slung shadows all the grey gloomy curtain of an afternoon winter sky.

A melancholy scene indeed, save for two bright spots of liveliness which transfigure the whole picture into brightness and vitality—two girls skating over the frozen water.

The swish sound of their skates, the clinking of the rhythmic movements of their figures. Never

do they speak, only as they balance themselves easily on their flying feet, they approach and part, in wide circles round each other, with a graceful method in their movements, that each seems to know and act upon.

Never can a woman's graceful form have been so becoming background to that of snow and ice, and every

undulating movement of these charming figures is thrown out into sharp relief against the surface of ice upon which they move.

The two of them perfect mistresses of the art of skating. As they advance and retreat by turns, as they skim fleetly together over the frozen surface, or describe graceful patterns, all the inconveniences angles, no ungraceful or awkward movement disturbs the absolute security of their well-poised attitudes—each girl keeps her hands well tucked in her pockets, and seems as much at home upon the slippery surface as though she were walking across her drawing-room in the grey house beyond the slope of the hill.

So absolutely speechless are they, and so perfectly still are their bodies, save for the swift, silent, silent, silent undulating movement of their dark red skirts, that there is at last, seen in the swift darkening twilight, something almost akin to the uncanny in the sight of them—a something that causes a shiver to run down the back of the spectator, who has been standing motionless for some time under one of the willows along the ditch to the south, to exclaim aloud, more however to himself than for the benefit of the actors in the scene, "Great Heavens! are you never going to stop?"

The voice sped through the keen frosty air with preternatural distinctness. The skaters slackened their speed, drawing nearer together as they did so, and reached out a hand to her sister, and the rough grating of their arrested skates cracked out harshly and inharmoniously together.

"Did anybody speak, Angel?"

"I think so, Dulcie—what did it sound like?"

"It sounded like a man," replied Dulcie solemnly, with the nouns quite in capital letters. "Pray Heaven it's not a trumpet."

It was remarkable that neither of them was in the very least degree out of breath.

"I think it must be Captain Lessiter," said Angel, with a flush upon her fair face.

A tall young man now came walking across the ice towards them, from the shelter of the willows. He was dressed in a rough shooting coat and leather gaiters. It was difficult at first to distinguish him, to distinguish his face; but as he came nearer, they recognized him.

"Stand and deliver!" cried Dulcie. "Are you a burglar, or a tramp—or, a pleased company of rogues?"

"I am not taken for it!"

"Neither, Captain Lessiter. I knew you at once," said Angel, softly.

"By Jove! how splendidly you girls do skate! I never saw anything like it—so frightened, yet so bold. I began to think you were not alive—only automatically wound up. I never saw Englishwoman skate like that."

"We are not English—we are Canadians," cried Dulcie, with her little nose up, and a look of pride in her eyes. "It would be a disgrace to us, if we couldn't skate properly, after spending five winters in Canada with our mother's people."

"Ah, that accounts for it, then. So your mother was a Canadian—but Mr. Halliday, surely he is an Englishman?"

"Papa? Oh, he's John Bull to his finger-tips," answered Dulcie, with a little impudent, careless shrug of her shoulders—but we, Angel and I like our father to belong to our mother's people."

By this time they had reached the side of the ice nearest to the house—the ice skates were silent, with swaying backwards and forwards movements; the tall young man walking, with long strides between them. They took off their skates, nimbly and swiftly, and put them into an antechamber.

"Will you give me a cup of tea?" said Horace Lessiter very humbly, standing, like a pliant at the bar, before them both. He looked at Angel, and made a faint, faint movement of his whole, broad-shouldered person towards Dulcie.

"Of course—come up to the house to tea," murmured Angel, with downcast eyes—but Dulcie lifted her boldy—and somewhat defiantly—up to his.

"Tea? You Englishmen take five o'clock tea like women. What a miserable, stupid, useless, wretched people!"

"You refuse me hospitality, then?" he said bitterly, turning upon her—Captain Lessiter, we used to go to tea with him."

Dulcie laughed. "Oh, if you care to come again, be welcome."

"I care,"—he answered eagerly—

"Miss Halliday turned to Angel, "you know that I care!"

They were walking up to the house—

"A tall, pert, young fellow, was turned aside—a flush of happiness, the happiness which the presence of the man whom she loves gives to a woman, was upon her face—she had no time to lift her hand in a hasty, short-sighted Angel. Dulcie walked on her other side—she was not necessarily so lovely as her sister—she had a pert, returous nose, and a wide, laughing mouth—but Dulcie was a woman of a woman's keen, quick wit, and somewhat defiantly—up to his.

"Tea? You Englishmen take five o'clock tea like women. What a mis-

erable, stupid, useless, wretched people!"

"You refuse me hospitality, then?"

## SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The new two-cent Imperial postage stamp is now being issued by the Government, and will become available for immediate use for all postage purposes in Canada. In other words, as soon as it reaches the public it may, if preferred by the purchaser, be used instead of the ordinary two-cent stamp. The two-cent inter-Imperial rate does not, of course, come into effect until Christmas day. The countries, which in addition to Canada, have given their adherence to the scheme for reduced inter-imperial postage up to the present date, and to which consequently letters may be sent from Canada prepaid at the rate of two cents per half ounce are: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, British India, Newfoundland, British East Africa, Uganda, British Central Africa, the Niger Coast Protectorate, the Niger Company's Territory, Jamaica, and the Bahama Islands.

The great Napanee Bank robbery trial came to an end, for the present, on Saturday morning last, after a trial lasting nearly two weeks. The case had been given to the jury the previous evening, and on the Court assembling on Saturday morning, they returned a verdict of "guilty" as regards Mackie, and that they were unable to agree as regards Ponton. The most disgraceful scenes occurred in Napanee after the case had been given to the jury. A mob of about 500 people gathered, and made a threatening demonstration against the Judge and prosecuting counsel, and it was necessary to escort them to their lodgings by a squad of police. The mob refused to disperse until the sheriff had read the Riot Act, and stated his determination to clear the streets by firing into the mob if necessary. The crowd then dispersed. The sympathy that seems to be extended to Ponton is something that cannot be understood by people at this distance. The attack on Judge Ferguson and the prosecuting counsel was simply on account of this sympathy, and is having a contrary effect from that intended. Judge Ferguson is one of the ablest of our judges, and one who is not likely to let any prejudices influence his mind; yet we find him in his charge to the jury, reviewing the evidence in detail, giving expression to views somewhat against the prisoners, but concluded by telling the jury to "base their finding on nothing but the evidence." It is plain therefore to every unprejudiced mind that there was a great deal of evidence against Ponton, though it may still be possible that he is innocent. The attacks on the judiciary by some newspapers, and the threat made by one journal that the jurymen who "stood against Ponton will be in a tight place should their names become known" are simply disgraceful. Mackie was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Ponton will have a new trial at the spring assizes, and in the meantime is out on bail.

## Transmitting Electrical Power Without Wires.

Tesla, the electrical wonder worker, now announces that he will transmit the power of Niagara Falls to New York without the medium of wires. He has devised a method of making the upper air a conductor of electricity.

Astonishing as seems the idea of transmitting power hundreds and thousands of miles, Mr. Tesla says that the plan is very simple. He claims that by this new method distance is as completely annihilated as by the telegraph wire or cable. He says power transmission without cable is only one step in advance of wireless telegraphy, which is now an accomplished fact.

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Then became convinced that the transmission of power could be accomplished in a similar way. I encountered a new set of practical difficulties, but have succeeded in building machines producing high alternating currents that can be transmitted through air of a certain density, or rather rarefaction. To obtain this condition of atmosphere, that virtually becomes a stratum of conductor, it is only necessary to attain a certain elevation, either by establishing power on high mountain tops or by using aerial balloons."

Where the plans have been put in operation in Niagara Falls and New York I shall make plans for a station to be erected in Paris, for the transmission of power across the ocean, to run machinery in the Exposition of 1900.

The corporation of McGill University has decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on Lord Minto.

Thirty-seven people on board the British steamer Clan Drummond, from Clyde for the Cape of Good Hope, wrecked in the Bay of Biscay, were drowned.

Agninaldo, the insurgent chief of the Phillipine Islands, is said to have 60,000 soldiers armed with Mauser rifles, also 18 quick-firing guns, and he demands independence.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Rawdon, Marmora and Sabbath School Association was held in the Methodist Church, Pleasant on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1898.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. S. S. Burns, the President, Mr. Geo. E. Mack, addressed the Convention in a few well-chosen remarks.

Then followed the appointing of the Nominating Committee, after which the Rev. Wm. Johnston took up his subject—"The S. School: Parents' Relation thereto." In the course of his remarks Mr. Johnston showed the Convention that there was a great resemblance on the part of the children to the condition of life while still in their infancy. Nothing can take the place of the teaching in the home. Prepare them there for the work in the Sabbath School. Influence them in the right direction, and "Go with them to the S. School."

In the discussion that followed by Messrs. W. S. Martin and D. W. Roblin, some good thoughts were brought out, such as "Do we fully realize the position in which we are placed in connection with our children?" Our duty is early in life to strive to impress a good influence upon them. The grandest thing to give and leave our children is a good example.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Stirling Horticultural Society.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR.—At the November meeting of the Stirling Horticultural Society a committee was appointed to take in charge the subscriptions for the new year. It may clear the way for that committee if you will grant me space to review the progress and work of the Society's one year of existence.

In a village like Stirling a Horticultural Society can easily find its own distinct and special lines of usefulness. We are all justly proud of our well-kept homes, our trim hedges, our magnificent old trees, and our wide stretches of lawn; but our back streets are not always free from weeds, our public buildings do not in every case show the same trimness and neatness as our homes. The Horticultural Society will, no doubt, in the future CREATE THE SPIRIT and help supply the funds to make even the desert spots in our pretty town blossom as the rose.

During the past year it has done much; next year it can do more, for we have been merely learning how. The Society has now fifty-three members, each paying a dollar for membership. Now, under ordinary circumstances one does not get much for one dollar, yet what does the Society give to each of its subscribers?

1st. A year's subscription to the Horticultural, a live monthly magazine, managed by the best florists and fruit-growers in Canada, the official organ of the Fruit-Growers Association, price one dollar a year.

2nd. The Fruit-Growers Association

EVERY YEAR gives as a premium with the "Home Grown" a choice well-grown tree, plant, shrub or vine, which it can recommend and which it desires to introduce widely. (Members will find the list for 1898 on the cover of the November Horticulturist.) Such shrubs, etc., cannot be bought for less than fifty or sixty cents.

3rd. Each member receives a cloth-bound copy of the proceedings and papers of the Ontario Fruit-Growers Association, containing the very LATEST IDEAS AND METHODS of Floriculture and Horticulture.

4th. The Fruit-Growers Association sends the society annually, free of cost, a public lecture.

5th. The Ontario Government gives a liberal annual grant to the local societies. This year our grant was seven-five dollars.

But even this does not complete the list of benefits accruing to members. It is in fact only one side of those benefits. The local society's record this year must be shown:

1st. In the spring, we expended twenty dollars in premiums for our members, and gave them seeds, vines, etc. As we get special orders for orders, our twenty dollars really boil down to a purchasing of about thirty dollars.

2nd. Each member that wished to have a private order for garden supplies filled, got the benefit of the same discount.

3rd. This fall, eight hundred choice bulbs were bought and distributed among the members as a second premium. Again a liberal discount was obtained. The fifteen or sixteen bulbs each member received could not be bought privately for sixty-five cents.

4th. Notwithstanding its liberal treatment of individual members, the Society exerted all its influence in purchasing ornamental shrubs for the park; one dollar and a half in seeds and vines for the schools; and managed its own side and paid the prizes and ex-

Bonner, he remarked that we should rise to the dignity of realizing the importance of S. School work. If we would achieve success we need to have a love for our work, but we must have success crown our efforts we must have the help of the Holy Spirit for service and this only can be obtained by being in constant communion with our Saviour.

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# The Home

## POINTERS ON SHOES.

In speaking of shoes the following "natives," by Dr. Samuel Appleton, may be of interest:

First. Never wear a shoe that will not allow the great toe to lie in a straight line.

Second. Never wear a shoe with a sole narrower than the outline of the foot, traced with a pencil close under the rounding edge.

Third. Never wear a shoe that is not large in the toe, so that the foot is not kept in place.

Fifth. Never wear a shoe or boot tight anywhere.

Sixth. Never wear a shoe or boot that has any impression in any part of the sole to drag any limb or bearing below the level plane.

Seventh. Never wear a shoe with a sole turning up very much at the toes, as this causes the cords on the upper part of the foot to contract.

Eighth. Never wear a shoe that presses up on the hollow of the foot.

Ninth. Never have the top of the hose tight, as it interferes with the action of the calf muscles, makes one walk badly and spoils the shape of the ankle.

Tenth. Never come from high heels to low heels at one jump.

Eleventh. Never wear one pair of shoes all the time, unless obliged to do so. Two pairs of boots worn a day at a time, and never for service, are much more healthful.

Twelfth. Never wear leather sole linings to stand upon. White cotton drilling or linen is much better and more healthful.

Thirteenth. Never wear a short stocking or one which after being washed is not at least one-half inch longer than the foot. Bear in mind that stockings shrink. Be sure that they will allow your toes to spread out at the extreme ends, as this keeps the joints in plumb, makes a strong and attractive foot. As to shape of stocking, the single digital or "one toe stocking" is the best.

Fourteenth. Never think that the feet will grow large from wearing proper shoes. Pinching and distorting makes them grow not only large, but unsightly. A proper natural use of all the muscles makes them compact and attractive.

## A USEFUL STOCKING BAG.

In every household the stockings that require mending accumulate very fast. A stocking bag in which to keep all those that need attention is a very useful thing for every housewife to have and from an exchange we take following description of such a bag that is very easily made:

Take a yard of pretty cretonne, with a small figure; three yards of satin ribbon an inch wide, to match the cretonne in color, a small piece of white flannel, some stiff pasteboard and a spool of silk. Cut four circular pieces of the pasteboard, each one seven inches in diameter. You may cut them out by a large saucer or a bread and butter plate. Cover these pieces smoothly with cretonne and overhand them two together, as if for a pocket pin cushion, with the sewing silk.

The puffed sleeve is desired there can be nothing more exquisite than one made from lavender colored silk embroidered with Asiatic filoselle, a design of feather yellow chrysanthemums being used. A fluffy finish is given to the edge of the shade by means of a double box pleating of the silk. This has its edge pinked and as the silk is cut on the bias it fluffs out quite prettily.

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puff for a casing and run two pieces

of ribbon in four strings to draw the

bag up. The interior is the receptacle

for the stockings.

## CHOICE RECIPES.

Corn Fritters—One pint grated corn, one half teacup milk, one half teacup flour, one small teaspoonful baking powder, one tablespoonful melted butter, one egg, one teaspoonful salt; a little pepper. Fry in hot lard.

Bouillon—Six ounces of beef and bone. Cut up the meat and break the bones; add two quarts of cold water and simmer slowly five hours. Strain through a fine sieve, reserving every particle of fat. Season only with pepper and salt.

Lobster Soup—Cook a lobster weighing four pounds, and cut into small pieces. Place in a bowl six crackers, rolled fine, one cup butter, salt, and a very little cayenne pepper; mix well together. Add three pints of milk and one of water, stir in the mixture, boil two or three minutes, add the cut lobster, and boil up once.

Cranberry Pie—Three cups cranberries, stewed with one and one-half cups of sugar, and strained. Line pie plate with paste; put in cranberry jam, wash the edges, lay three narrow bars across; fasten at edge; then three more across, forming diamond-shaped spaces; when baked, lay a quick oven until past is cooked.

Lemon Pie—Two soda crackers, two

lemons, one and one-half cupfuls of coffee sugar, two eggs, one and one-half cupfuls boiling water. Roll crackers fine; place in bowl; pour on boiling water; cover with plate; when cold add eggs, beaten, sugar, grated rind of one and juice of both lemons. Line pie plate with paste; add preparation to well edges; cover; wash over with milk; bake in quick oven 25 minutes.

Gold Cake—Three quarters of a cupful of butter, two cupfuls sugar, yolks of 10 eggs, one and one-half pints flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one cupful of cream, one teaspoonful each extract lemon and nutmeg. Rub together until well mixed. Add the yolks, three at a time; beat cream and the extracts; mix into a pretty firm batter; bake in a paper-lined cake tin, in a steady oven, 50 minutes.

Oyster Omelet—Stew one dozen oysters in their own liquor, if possible; if not, use a very little water; roll two or three lumps of butter, size of buttermilk in flour, put in and let come to a boil, season well with pepper and salt. Take out the oysters and chop them, and if necessary to thicken, add a little flour to the omelet. Put the oysters and set on the back part of the stove. Beat four eggs very light and add two tablespoonfuls of milk or cream. Fry in a well-heated frying pan. When done remove to a hot platter, deep plate, and pour the oyster sauce over them. Serve hot.

Mince meat—Two pounds currants, five pounds peeled and cored apples, two pounds, lean, boiled beef, one pound beef suet, three quarters of a pound citron, two and one-half pounds coffee sugar, two pounds raisins, two tablespoonsful cinnamon, one nutmeg, one whole nutmeg, one clove, and allspice; put each wine glassful of brandy. Wash currants, dry, pick them, stone the raisins, remove sinews and sinews from the beef, chop each ingredient separately, very fine; place as soon as done in large pan, finally adding spices, Madeira and brandy; mix thoroughly; pack in jars; keep in cold place.

## SOME LOVELY LAMP SHADES.

Every lamp should be provided with a shade not only for decorative purposes but to soften the light and to protect the eyes from the direct rays when one is reading or working as the case may be.

There is nothing that gives a more charming effect to a room than a warm mellow, rosy light such as a red shade will make. It beautifies everything round while a green light makes everything look glassy. One should give this some thought when selecting the color for their shades.

For a parlor lamp where a dainty shade is desired there can be nothing more exquisite than one made from lavender colored silk embroidered with Asiatic filoselle, a design of feather yellow chrysanthemums being used. A fluffy finish is given to the edge of the shade by means of a double box pleating of the silk. This has its edge pinked and as the silk is cut on the bias it fluffs out quite prettily.

The crepe paper makes very pretty round while a green light makes everything look glassy. One should give this some thought when selecting the color for their shades.

## IT WAS HARD WORK

I had to give the Egyptian army very arduous and hard work. They had to construct the railways they had to haul the gunboats and sailing craft out of the water and the bottoms by

two shrimps. This took a great deal of time. Cotton. Hem the ends of the

puff for a casing and run two pieces

of ribbon in four strings to draw the

bag up. The interior is the receptacle

for the stockings.

## SHIPBUILDING IN GREAT BRITAIN

### Six Hundred and Ninety Vessels Now Under Construction in the Various Shipyards.

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## THE HOSPITAL AMBULANCE

IT IS ONE OF THE GREATEST BLESSINGS OF THE TIMES.

How the Service Has Been Developed Into a splendid System—Description of the Ambulance Service in the Large Cities—What the Different Calls Means.

In many ways the latter end of the nineteenth century is in advance of all preceding times. In none, however, is the step forward likely to be so universally accepted as in the matter of such charitable institutions as hospitals and their appliances for the succor of the sick and injured. An important part of the outfit of every large hospital in these days is the ambulance. For accidents have grown to be so numerous, with with the hurry and rush of things, that no city can be without many lives are saved and suffering is eased.

The calls for an ambulance come in almost any time during the twenty-four hours, and the hospital authorities have therefore to be constantly on the alert, just as is the case with the fire and police departments of a municipality. The telephone is the means by which the call is sent into the hospital, and there is never a moment of the day and night that the receiver in the hospital office is not within hearing distance of an attendant.

There are several sorts of calls for an ambulance. One of these, and perhaps the most frequent, is the fast, or emergency call. When word comes into the office that the ambulance is wanted at once on account of an accident, the attendant asks one or two questions. One of these is the exact situation of the place where the accident has occurred; another is the identity of the injured and of the one sending the call. In cases of extreme emergency, the situation and kind of accident are all that are asked about.

The identity of the person sending the call is to guard against "fake" calls. It not infrequently happens that some one with dire lack of judgment sends word to one of the hospitals that the ambulance is wanted, just for fun. When the horse comes dashing up to the address which has been given, no one knows of any accident, nor has any person seen in the call. After a run of two, three or perhaps four miles, this is at least discouraging, it borders on the criminal. This is why some little information is sought when the ambulance is asked for—to determine, if possible, whether or not the need is genuine. In any case, the time taken can be but a moment, and even if fraud is suspected there can be no hesitation. The call must be answered at once, the attendant pushes the button which rings the signal for the driver in the car. At the same time, the house physician, who always accompanies the ambulance, is notified.

### LIVELY MOVEMENTS.

When the two bells sound in the barn there is a cavity of movement that could only be described as "lively." The horses are in stalls behind the door. When the second gong has sounded, the rope is thrown down and the horse, trained for the work, runs to its place at the rear of the wagon. The collar is so arranged that it can be lowered on the horse's neck and the collar and hand. This done, the driver jumps to his seat and the trip is begun. In the meantime, the house physician, who is warned by the emergency signal, leaves whatever he may be doing and runs down stairs, picking up a "holy" cap on his way and, if necessary, a heavy coat which is kept at a convenient spot in the building. As he passes the entrance, the attendant hands him a card on which he has written the place of the accident. He does not stop an instant, but rushes out at the door. Nor does he have to wait, for the ambulance horse is already coming out of the driver's stable. When the physician motions to the driver what direction the run is to be made and to the curb in readiness to get aboard, the car with the location of the accident written upon it is placed in the back of the ambulance is going by the physician's swings on to the step in a moment and the horse dashes down the street. The whole proceeding thus far generally occupies less than five seconds.

### UNREASONABLE RESTRICTION.

It is one of the ridiculous and outrageous incongruities that there is actually an ordinance restricting the speed of an ambulance to six miles an hour, the limit being set for all ordinary vehicles. Fire and police departments are allowed to be driven as fast as the horses can take them, but the ambulance must come within the law. Doctors and paramedics must receive special treatment, while maimed and dying horses must wait for the ambulance horse to trot his six miles an hour. When the need is great, the drivers ignore the provision and speed their horses as fast as they can. Otherwise, they drive slowly.

### A WORK OF CHARITY.

It is not once in ten times that the hospital receives a call for a fast call patient and all probability the injured man is poor. He must be taken care of by the city, or must stay in the hospital through the charity of the institution. He is never turned away if he is in need of help, and he so deserves and he is able, is taken home. Thus in most of the cases the ambulance work is entirely gratuitous charity. One of the greatest inconveniences to the service is that it answers a call it is in the majority of cases found that the ambulances from all the other hospitals have also come to the scene of the accident. This would not be so bad if the accident did not injure to several persons, but it is true in some of the slightest accidents. People seem to

lose sight of the fact that one ambulance will be sufficient and readily available with in their equipment, for two or three or even four. Every run is not only an expense, but it is a consumption of valuable time and energy which should be avoided. It sometimes happens that the ambulance is called to attend a person who is taken ill in his bed and within the time the woman arrives, is walking calmly homeward. One of the ambulances has been called to attend a certain man, and less than two hours after the arrival of the men they have become swollen, causing disfigurement and discomfort. Affecting the eyes, it causes blindness. Though most common in children, it is not unknown in adults, and is fully equipped for its terrible work. Scrofula may be thoroughly eradicated from the system by Hood's Sarsaparilla and all its pain, fever and disarrangement are removed. This great medicine has made thousands of people grateful by its cures of this disease. It attacks the enemy at once and with the first few doses the healing work begins. If you are not satisfied with our diphtheria pills, call again. After each trip it is thoroughly disinfected.

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It is said that the Sultan offered to present to Emperor William the command of the army of Jerusalem, the famous "Chamber of the last survivor," but that the German Emperor thanked the Sultan and declined the proposal on the ground that the building also contained Turkish religious relics. The Emperor, it is further said, accepted some of the valuable present instead.

Another report says the Sultan insisted upon paying the entire expenses of the Emperor's tour out of his own private purse.

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HIS TRIP TO HOLY LAND.

LAVISH HOSPITALITY OF THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

Emperor William's Visit to Palestine SIXTY-Russian's Jelony Hood's for the Comic Papers—A Fatiguing Journey.

It is said that Russia, in order to counteract the Anglo-German agreement, has come to a closer understanding with Austria, by which those two countries and France will jointly oppose the increasing influence of Germany in the Orient, and will in no case permit Turkish sessions to Germany. The bulk of the German newspapers express the opinion that Emperor William's trip will yield little tangible good, but will create much jealousy upon the part of the interested powers who will endeavor to destroy any German projects in Asia Minor.

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MANY GO INSANE.

WOMEN'S BURDENS ARE HEAVY AND HARD TO BEAR.

Emperor Dodo's Kidney Pills are Used, Their Diseases of Women are Cured, and Suffering Ceases—Mrs. Ellen Bowdon's Case.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—The daily papers for the day to day contain reports of the wrecking of ships, wrecks, through the insanity of masters, whose reason has been destroyed by illness.

Women's burdens are many and hard to bear. They are, as a rule, born in size, for women don't want to increase the expense of living; in fact, they continue suffering in silence, while their ailments sap their strength and undermine their health and reason, and hurrying them to the grave.

It is needless to call in a doctor in most of such cases. The suffering woman can cure herself at very small expense by taking Hood's Kidney Pills as the rule.

In ninety-nine of every hundred cases of "Female Complaints," the cause has its origin in diseased Kidneys. Very often the urinary, and reproductive organs are involved, and the sufferer becomes a frail and wasted shadow of her former self.

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I have for service Thoroughbred Tawny, Yorkshire and Durro Jersey Boars, registered purebreds. Thoroughbred Tawny pigs for sale, either sex. Prices right.

W. T. SINE,  
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Came to my premises, on or about the 5th of Nov., a bay horse. Owner can have the same by proving property, paying charges and taking him away.

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SALT.—Another car of Windsor Salt just received.

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the Municipal Act, 1880, at

FORESTERS' HALL, SPRING BROOK,

ON THE

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THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

SELECTED ITEMS ABOUT OUR OWN COUNTRY. GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE, CONDENSED AND ASSORTED FOR EASY READING.

CANADA.

Only union labour will be employed on civic works in Ottawa next year. Work has commenced on the new hall at Kingston, Ont. It is to cost \$50,000.

The Deseronto Car Works are building 50 box cars for the Intercolonial Railway.

It is said at Winnipeg that the C. P. R. will erect a 1,000-ton smelter in the Boundary Creek district, B.C.

The Council of Peterborough has appointed a committee to consider and report upon a scheme of municipal insurance.

By a change in train service, the C. P. R. hopes to make the trip from Montreal to Winnipeg in 48 hours instead of the present time of 54 hours.

The report that W. C. MacKenzie, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, has been knighted, has been semi-officially confirmed at McGill University.

In a speech on Thursday Mr. Chamberlain said he hoped in a few years to see a representative of the empire, with commonwealth representatives in the British Parliament.

The Farmers' Binder Twine Company of Bradford has just paid the astonishing dividend of 60 per cent. on its capital stock for the year ending October 15th last.

The business of infantry schools of London, Toronto, St. John's and Fredericton will be concentrated at Ottawa under command of Lieut.-Col. Peter's for a course of instruction.

The officers of the Seventh Fusiliers at London have all decided to resign as a protest against Gen. Hatton's action in dissolving battalion reorganization with the citizens before consulting the officers.

The 4th Battalion will commence their annual drill at Fort Henry, Kingston, on the 3rd of January, when two of the companies will enter the fort, the other companies going in, in their turn.

Mann, the Ottawa Waterworks Department clerk, has been found guilty by Judge Mogrove of embezzlement of civic funds and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for \$5,000 damages for the death of his husband.

The Ottawa City Council has decided to ask the Ontario Legislature to amend the Municipal Act so as to provide that a city of 50,000 inhabitants or over may be governed by a Board of Control. This was carried by 13 to 11.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, Superintendent of Children's Aid Society for Ontario, does not believe in a Curfew law. He declares that the theory is all right but in most towns it has been a failure in the forty towns in Ontario where it has been tried.

The Toronto General Trusts Company and the Trusts Corporation of Ontario are to be merged into one. The company will have a paid up capital of \$1,000,000 and a contingency fund of \$500,000. The business under the care of the two companies now is estimated at \$18,000,000.

The notorious "Mollie Matches" the cleverest bank burglar and pickpocket in America, was until a few days ago a shop girl in Montreal. He was arrested on a charge of non-support of his wife, but gave the police the slip while the case was pending and is now to be found.

Emigration returns just published show that the number of emigrants from British ports to Canada for the month of November last was as follows:—English, 561; French, 300; Scotch, 24; and foreign, 677. Total for the eleven months ended 30th November, English, 14,861; Irish, 853; Scotch, 1,087; and foreign, 9,465.

GERALD BRITAIN.

William Black, the novelist is dead. Rudyard Kipling has accepted the vice-presidency of the Navy League.

Reports of threatened famine in Russia are being received in London daily.

The Prince of Wales gave his cheque for one hundred guineas to the Gordon Memorial fund.

The council of the British Agricultural Society has rescinded the rule against docking horses' tails.

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General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, started on his return to England on Monday. A few of his friends had been at the railway station.

The British Foreign Office has received news that Lieuts. Keating and Gale and two native soldiers, who were captured in October last, were killed while serving with tribesmen of the Niger territory.

The London Truth announces that the Queen mother of the Netherlands has written privately to Queen Victoria to express her joy of the betrothal informing Her Majesty of the betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina to Prince William.

When asked what he wanted to do he replied: "I want a man thorough up in all finance problems and not over 25 years old." Gen. Kitchener is still waiting for a suitable candidate to the Royal Institute of Architects.

The first woman architect to be ad-

mitted is Miss Ethel Mary Charles.

At the final examination the

candidate is required to design

of style, construction, planning, foun-

dations, etc. This Miss Charles suc-

cessfully accomplished.

The British Admiralty has recom-

mended, upon the report of a special committee of engineers, to adopt

the survey the plan, that Famagusta

in the Isle of Cyprus be provided with a deeper and better fortified harbor.

The port of Famagusta will henceforth

be capable of accommodating the

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UNITED STATES.

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A terrible explosion causing the

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tilion in Boston Harbours on Tues-

day afternoon. The men were engaged

in unloading Government stores.

The court at Pontiac, Mich., has de-

cided that silver coin is good money

to pay off a mortgage on any other

debt. The holder of a mortgage had

demanded gold. His suit fails.

Col. R. M. O'Reilly, chief surgeon of

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A WOMAN'S TERRIBLE DEATH AT A TORONTO FIRE.

Two Others Were Seriously Injured—They Were Imprisoned in an Upper Story.

A despatch from Toronto says:—A fire broke out in the rear of McLeod and McElroy's tailor shop, 63 King street west, shortly after 10 o'clock on Wednesday night. It spread immediately to the stairs and, five women who lived in the flats above were compelled to jump from the window.

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## Diamond Cut Diamond— THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY.

Angel was somewhat impressed by the intelligence and culture of this quiet girl with the expressive brown eyes. She could not help owning to herself that Horace Lessier, whom she loved, was unable to talk as "Geoffrey" did. "I am not a fool," she would say. "I would not have admitted this to Dulcie for the whole world; but she was conscious of it, as a fact, all the same."

"You must have had a great deal, Mrs. Dane," she said to him.

Into Geoffrey's eyes there stole a tender, far-away look and a little smile. "I never read anything like it all till six o'clock this morning."

"Really? Well, I have made up for it since. You must have devoured a whole library full in those six weeks."

"Not quite. I have only box of books which I have at my door, mysterious," one fine evening.

"Had you ordered them?"

"No. I imagined they were a present."

"And you do not know from whom?"

This is really romantic! You interest me wonderfully. Did you have no letter to explain their arrival?"

"Not a word. The box arrived, addressed to me, and that was all."

"Are you sure it was not old Mr. Dane? Papa has told us wonderful tales about his eccentricities."

Geoffrey laughed outright. "No, I am quite sure they did not come from my uncle."

"And the books—what were they?"

"A delightful series—Horace Walpole and Montaigne—also—Horace Walpole's letters, Charles Lamb, Leigh Hunt, and Carlyle—and nearly every English poet from Chaucer down to Tennyson. I have lived upon them ever since. I shall live upon them all my life. I don't think any other books ever fit. He spoke the last words with a little glow of enthusiasm."

Angel's feminine instincts told her that something more than a mere book-lover's devotion underlay the kindling glow in his voice and shone in his eyes.

As to Geoffrey, he could not have told why he had spoken of this thing to this girl, who had nothing to him. That was perhaps, some vague attraction of sympathy of nature between them—something that had forced him to speak of it.

That beautiful book was the link that bound him to the one page of romance of his life—a page which, it seemed to him, was turned over, for ever, and yet which, even in turning, had left its indelible traces upon him.

He had been told that the first source it was that this wonderful and prodigal gift had come to him. But, although he had written to her to thank her for the gift in the warmest terms, yet he had not remained silent, and unacknowledged, and he had been forced to recollect with sorrow, that although she had promised to remember him, she had, at the same time, peremptorily decided to encourage him in his quest of further acquaintances with her. So the very letter, Rose de Brefour had fulfilled her own terms with him.

Yet there are some loves—like the bright-flowered stone-cranes that grow in the upper, yellow soil of crumbly soil that thrives and grows space in starvation and in absence. Had his intercourse with Madame de Brefour been prosaic and common-place in nature, he would have known her, and known her, as you may not to know the ordinary acquaintances of life—it is possible that she would have made no lasting impression upon him. There was, indeed, everything about her—from a dimmest, half-remembered view—to warn him of the folly of fixing his fancy upon her. Beautiful as she was, she was several years older than himself. She had been married already; she was a Catholic, he was a Protestant; and she was a woman of an un-English nature. All this, under ordinary circumstances, Geoffrey Dane, who was young and had his way to make in the world—and that way muchly depending upon the good-will of others—had not been, no doubt, the source of his attraction. But of all this, as a fact, he remembered nothing. He only saw her through the glamour of his one interview with her, and the beam of personal and still more personal culture of mind-only returned again and again to him through the dazzling mirage of the silence and mystery that surrounded her. Her strange reticence—her silence—her air of mystery, and suddenly found in him, coupled with the firmness of her purpose in keeping him at a distance from her, all heightened and intensified the fascination which he had, unconsciously, over her.

He thought of her by night, he dreamt of her by night. He had not himself, by any means, that he loved her; but he had told himself, very distinctly, that he did not know neither rest nor peace until he had seen her and spoken to her again.

Under these conditions, it was not, perhaps, very wonderful that Angel and Mrs. Halliday—though not attractive as these two maidens undoubtedly were—did not altogether present themselves to his imagination under the aspect which his uncle and their own were anxious that they should assume.

A man who is true-hearted and faithful by nature is not easily diverted by other faces, however, from his own. And he who has shrunk in the very sight of them. And Geoffrey was all unconsciously to himself—enclosed in his proper armchair against the charms and the bright eyes of the other women.

The "rappresentante" which he experienced towards Angel Halliday was, therefore, no more than the vicarious attraction which a woman who faintly resembles a girl may exercise, for a few moments, upon a man.

He felt as if he could almost have spoken of Rose de Brefour to her, as sweet and as woman-like was she to him. "A long, long, day, spent in such sympathetic company," she said, "was surely grateful and enjoyable to him. He told himself that evening, as he dressed his hair carefully for dinner, that in the Joe Halliday's daughters he had, unexpectedly, come across a few men who would be good friends to him for life, and whom he desired to see often and much.

After a somewhat hurried dinner, at an early hour, Horace Lessier arrived at the Grange, duly armed with a bull's-eye lantern. He had come to escort the girl down the ice. The escort of the party from the Hall were to join them below—for the big house lay on the further side of the sweep of frozen water, and the ice was not so thick as to afford a certain rapture of its own. "The keen swish of his long strides went with him into the silence of the night, and, at a far-away corner, beyond the willows, a legion of moving lights coming onwards in clusters and in couples, betokened the approach of the party to the Hall.

A crowd of villagers and farmers had got wind of the proposed entertainment, and had gathered about the banks. Those who could skate were invited to join in the fun, and many of them, carrying lanterns, had made a considerable addition to the festivities. Soon the wide sheet of ice was alive with dark gliding figures and the twinkle of many lights, while the willows, in the background, were low and, and, already, at a far-away corner, beyond the willows, a legion of moving lights coming onwards in clusters and in couples, betokened the approach of the party to the Hall.

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The Ontario Gazette contains a proclamation declaring the 25th December and the 2nd January next public holidays. This action has been taken because of the fact that the next ensuing Christmas day and New Year's day fall on Sundays.

The treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was signed on Saturday last. By its provisions the United States obtain Cuba, Porto Rico and the Phillipine Islands. Spain is to get \$20,000,000 for the cession of the Phillipines.

As amended the law governing municipal nominations is as follows: "At such meetings, the person or persons to fill each office shall be proposed and seconded seriatim, and every such nomination shall be in writing, shall state the full name, place of residence and occupation of the candidate, and shall be signed by his proposer and seconder." Sect. 128, Mun. Act. Then as to resignations: "At the nomination meeting or on the following day, or where such last named day is a public holiday, then before 12 o'clock noon of the succeeding day, any person proposed for one or more offices may resign, or may elect for which office he is to remain nominated; and in default he shall be taken as nominated for the office in respect of which he was first proposed and seconded."—Sect. 129, (2).

Prohibition as a government measure is making headway in the east. A Cairo despatch says the sale of intoxicating liquors will be prohibited in the Soudan. As General Kitchener ran his campaign against the Khalifa on prohibition principles with great success, both as a military and a sanitary measure, a continuance of the law would no doubt have equally beneficial results under a civil administration, if carried out under an equally upright authority. The law of the Prophet against the use of wine is not always strictly observed among his followers, but prohibition would not be for them alone. The raga tag from Europe and the Levant who are sure to flow into the newly reconquered provinces will need it much more than the Soudanese proper, and it will be a grand thing for British Africa if, following the destruction of dervish tyranny, should come peace, education, the suppression of slavery and prohibition of the liquor traffic. The extension of British power would then be justified on the highest moral grounds to the best advantage to the natives and the cause of civilization.—Witness.

The Commission which first met in Quebec in August last, and has lately been holding sessions in Washington, to endeavor to settle all matters of dispute between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, appears at present not likely to bring forth much fruit.

It was hoped that among other matters a treaty of reciprocity would be made for the free exchange of certain products of Canada and the United States, but late advices state that there is little prospect of such a treaty being made.

There are many important points upon which the commissioners seem unable to agree, and all hope of reconciling the conflicting interests are about at an end. It is perhaps just as well, as Canada has entered upon an era of prosperity and expansion, which makes the U. S. markets of less relative value than formerly, while the giving of a 25 per cent preferential tariff in favor of Great Britain is leading to a great expansion of trade with the mother country, as well as drawing the bonds of union more closely. The Canadian commissioners will do well not to sacrifice Canada's interests in any respect, but firmly and respectfully maintain our rights. It is stated the conference is likely to adjourn about the 20th inst. to reassemble again after March 4th next.

#### North Hastings Mines.

Mr. A. J. G. Swinney, who established the Canada Gold Fields Company's works two or three years ago at Deloro, has just returned from a trip to Europe. He has organized a large syndicate of capitalists and has arrangements completed to commence operations on an extensive scale in North Hastings. He has already a large number of choice properties which he intends to operate on the immediate future.

The Kingston Times says: "There is a revival of interest in the mines of Eastern Ontario. The gold mines of Hastings county are being more extensively worked, while the iron, mica and lead mines of Frontenac are employing more men and giving more satisfactory returns to the operators."

In some parts of Michigan the snow is said to be seven feet deep on the level.

It is stated that 70,000 barrels of apples of various kinds have been stored in Brighton, and 55,000 in Coborne, to be repacked and shipped during the winter.

#### Heavy Beaver Overcoats.

Most beaver-fur overcoats are not heavy enough for the severe weather. The Oak Hall, Belleville, have a special line of both single and double breasted, quilted and wadded right to the bottom, making them as warm as any ulster. Price \$10.

#### Inferior Court Procedure.

Under the laws of legal procedure in this Province, if Jones overcomes Smith in a promissory note, Smith may sue him in the Division Court, and if Jones does not defend, or if he defends, then Smith will get an injunction, total cost of \$5 or 10 per cent of his claim. If Smith has a claim of \$150 against Brown for a grocery bill he can only sue him in the County Court, and if Brown defends, Smith's costs may not amount to as much as the bill, or they may.

An action in the Division Court may involve the validity of a mortgage or conveyance of property worth thousands of dollars, but if the plaintiff's claim is on an open account and is one dollar over \$100, or for a bad debt, the cost of which is \$100, the amount of which was over \$400, though the balance may not be more than \$10, or for more than \$60 damages, or on a promissory note for over \$200, in any of these cases he must go to the County Court and run the gamut of an action with pleadings, motions, affidavits, orders, and all the other High Court trials.

The practical working of the County Court system is shown by its fruits, which are tabulated in the reports of the Inspector of Legal Offices. His report for 1897, for instance, shows that the total number of judgments after trial entered in that year in the 44 counties of Ontario was 1,386. The total amount of such judgments without costs was \$24,707.41, and the total amount of costs and disbursements allowed to the successful parties in those cases was only a few hundred dollars less, being in excess of \$24,140.97, an average of \$180 per case. In addition the unsuccessful parties had to pay their own costs, which, it is perhaps fair to assume, were not less than those above stated; so that it would appear that in cases that go to trial in the County Court the costs average two dollars for every dollar for which the client recovers judgment.

On the other hand, in the Division Court the legal game is played with a strict limit. The only costs a litigant may recover against an opponent in the Division Court are his actual disbursements and, where the judgment is for more than \$100, a \$10 counsel fee, and in case of an appeal to Osgoode Hall his further disbursements and a fee of \$15. Thus, if Jones disposes of Smith's claim on the \$200 note until he can dispute it no further, that is to say until he gets the judgment of a Divisional Court, he would be liable to pay to the outside \$25 for solicitors' fees, legal disbursements which in an average case will not amount to more than \$10 more.

As against a total of 2,263 cases entered in the County Courts of the Province in 1897, 49,167 cases were during the same time entered in the Division Courts. In other words, the County Court system, which is costly and inconvenient, is unpopular, and the Division Court system, which is inexpensive and convenient, and in many ways a model system, is popular. We know of scarcely any service the new Legislature could do the Province that would be more generally appreciated than the amalgamation of the two inferior court systems into one system modelled largely upon the plan of the present Division Court.—Globe.

#### Election of Officers.

At the regular annual meeting of L. O. No. 172, the following officers were duly elected and installed:

Bro. James H. W. M.  
Elgin Jackson, D.M.  
" T. H. Matthews—Chaplain.  
" Morley Hodge—Rec. Sec.  
" Harry Nugent—Fin. Sec.  
" Albert Thompson—Treasurer.  
" Wm. Enmonds—Dir. of Cur.  
" Wm. McConville—Lecturer.  
" Peter Hobbins—John McConnell,  
Wm. Hodge, Conner McConnell,  
Elgin Weaver—Committee.

Meeting was first held Wednesday of every month. Visiting brethren always welcome.

The old grist mill in Marmora is being fitted up for a woolen mill.

The Belleville newspapers make an appeal to the public for financial assistance for W. H. Ponton in his second trial.

The people of Bancroft are urged to vote a bonus of \$200 for a branch of the Central Ontario Railway from Ormsby to their village.

Mr. W. H. Ponton, now famous on account of the great bank robbery trial, is said to have accepted a position as traveller for a Kingston tobacco house.

The Deseronto car shops are building fifty box cars for the Intercolonial Railway. Each car is of 60,000 lbs. capacity, and will be built of the very best material.

Thos Wills' residence in Belleville was broken into, Thursday night last. His loss was \$800, incurred for \$500. The building was owned by Mr. Cochrane estate; loss \$1,500, incurred for \$600.

Rev. W. A. Stewart, M.A., is the new pastor of the Presbyterian church, Marmora, which includes North Marmora and Big Springs. He is a graduate of Glasgow University, and has been in Canada for about two years. His first charge was at Shear Harbor, Nova Scotia.

A wedding took place at the home of Mr. John Booth, of the township of Rawdon, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6th, when his daughter, Willimena, was united in marriage to James Sankey Steed. The bride was beautifully dressed in a white satin and lace dress trimmed with cream satin and lace. Miss Blanche Stewart acted as bridesmaid, and wore a pale blue cashmere dress trimmed with white lace and blue ribbon. Wm. Booth ably supported the groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. McCulloch.—Marmora Herald.

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#### Boys' Kid Gloves.

Did you ever try to buy a pair of boys' kid gloves? If you did, you know the trouble you have in trying to find the Oak Hall, Belleville, have the best.

#### Spring Brook.

From Our Correspondent.

Professor Bea's singing class is now very popular. The annual Conservative meeting was held in the Orange Hall here last Monday night in the interest of W. J. Allen, Esq. The hall was packed over, the silent auction raised \$100. Addresses were delivered by H. Cooke, M.D.; W. B. Northrop, and A. C. Campbell.

Elias McConnell, for more than fifty

years a resident of this neighborhood, has been rescued from this cruel man and is now living in a happy home. He is a member of the Orange Hall, and has obtained an immense circulation. It is a book which every father should obtain for his children, as it will teach them the history of the Anti-slavery cause in a lively story and they will always remember it.

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## Young Folks.

THAT BAD TEDDY BROWN.  
The wortest boy I ever see  
Is 'jes' that Teddy Brown.  
He's tall and he's all out  
For one day he can come down  
To visit me awhile, an' play.  
An' said our pa's an' ma's  
Jes give us things on Christmas day.  
An' the ain't no Santa Claus.

I hain't gon' play with teddy Brown!  
He says he can't come down  
A chum like we got,  
An' he says how would his sleigh go.  
Last Christmas time, because  
There wasn't then a speck of snow!  
So the ain't no Santa Claus.

He's jes' the wortest boy I guess  
The tall ever was, an' I  
Hain't gon' to play with him but  
Go on an' pass him by!

Said you, if you could hear him say  
The ain't our pa's and ma's  
Will give us things on Christmas  
day.

An' the ain't no Santa Claus.

### TOMMY'S LUNCH.

It was a very nice lunch to begin with, and if you could have peeped into Tommy Brown's tin dinner pail, I know that you would have said so too. There were sandwiches, filled with minced chicken, a generous piece of sugar gingerbread, a custard baked in a blue and white cup, and a bright red apple, and as Tommy saw all the nice things being packed in by his mother, he thought that they looked very appetizing, and that he should enjoy them very much at recess time, for he was always pretty hungry by then, but that lunch was fated to meet with many mishaps.

In the first place, Tommy was so busy working on his snow-man that he did not come in to get ready for school until the very last minute, and then he had to hurry so, he forgot his lunch altogether, until he had got way down the street. So he had to come back, and that made him later, and he started to run, when he stubbed his toe, and down he went, and the snow came out into the snowball, all but the custard—fortunately that remained in the pail, and Tommy hastily brushed the snow from the sandwiches and gingerbread, and put the apple, put it back in his pocket, and started on the run once more, but, when he came to Mr. Allen's house, out rushed Don.

Now Don and Tommy were great friends, and many a romp and tumble they had together, so when Don saw Tommy running along, carrying the tin pail, he thought it an invitation to join in a race, and frisked and jumped about till soon they were all down in a heap again, only this time, both of them were down, and when his lunch up, Don had eaten the sandwiches and the custard was upside down. Tommy managed to save most of it, however, and the gingerbread was still, and leaving Don looking after him with a sad face, hurried along for school, when he finally arrived late, hot and breathless, and put what remained of his lunch safely away.

### ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY.

Physiological Facts Which Will Astonish Nearly Every One who Reads.

Human beings are of all sizes, but the tall man is less common than the short; only one in every 208 exceeds the height of six feet. For every foot of stature a man should weigh from 26 to 28 pounds—proportion that is not the lot of all in these hurrying, scurrying days.

An average-sized man weighs 140 pounds; a woman 125 pounds. Curiously enough, the mean weight and height of lunatics are below those of sane people. Another unexpected thing in this respect is that a negro's skeleton weighs more than that of an Englishman.

The vitalizing power is the blood, a drop of which takes but 25 seconds to go the round of the body, twice passing through the heart once in every three minutes—an amount of time precious equivalent to all that is contained in the heart.

The mileage of the blood circulation is often seems astonishing and unremedied. It is estimated that, assuming the average speed of the heart to be 60 beats a minute, the blood travels 207 yards in 60 seconds, in other words, 12,420 feet an hour, 168 a day, or 60,000 miles a year.

If a man of 84 could have one single blood corpuscle floating in his blood all his life, it would have traveled through the body 5,180,000 miles.

The average weight of the brain of an adult male is 3 pounds 8 ounces; of a female 2 pounds 4 ounces. The woman's brain begins to decline in weight after the age of 20, and 10 years later.

According to high authorities, the nerves, with their branches and minute ramifications connecting with the brain, exceed 10,000,000 in number.

The bones of the hands and soles of the feet are composed of cushions of fat, in order that sudden jolts and violent blows may be successfully resisted, and no injury done to the muscles and bones underneath.

The muscles of which the tongue monopolizes 11, and bones of the human structure in combination are capable of more than 1,200 different motions.

The teaching of exercises indicates that accidents are far more likely to occur to the right leg and arm than to the left. Further evidence of this fact is supplied by the makers of artificial limbs. They find that the right leg is more prone to the right side of the body than to the other. Statistics show that in 54 cases out of 100 the left leg is stronger than the right.

If a man could move his legs proportionately as fast as an ant, he would travel not far short of 800 miles an hour.

### ST. VITUS DANCE.

#### A TROUBLE THAT CAUSES ITS VICTIMS MUCH INCONVENIENCE.

Winfred Schofield, of Gaspereau, N.S., Tell How He Obtained a Speedy and Permanent Cure.

From the Acadian, Wolfville, N. S.

The many cases brought to his notice in the vicinity, being cured from physicians, directed him to the agency of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Tablets, and, doctored without deriving any benefit, I began using Dr. Williams' Kidney Pills and my recovery dated from that time. All welcome.

A trial will speedily convince any sufferer that Dr. Williams' Kidney Pills will positively restore her to health.

There's a load off my mind, said the Acadian lady, as she disposed the seven bushels of coal that she had picked up along the railroad tracks.

The Probabilities.

Are that your temper will improve, and you will enjoy walking and skating in real earnest once that sore corn is removed. Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor never fails, gives no pain and will relieve you in twenty-four hours. Give Putnam's Corn Extractor for the custard had all leaked out and soaked into the gingerbread, till it was impossible to tell which was which, scattered out on the ground for the ears—so there was no time left but the apple, and Tommy did not get much of that either, for he gave four bites away and he had already promised the core to a boy who had given him all the day before.

It seemed a long, long time to Tommy before the closing bell rang, and then he hurried home as quickly as he could, and when he told his mother about his lunch, she thought that he ought to have, not only an extra big dinner, but also a second helping of pudding, an opinion with which Tommy fully agreed.

### BEASTS AND BIRDS.

One rarely finds in the woods or fields the dead body of a wild animal, as such carcasses are soon devoured, although the bones may often be seen. Everything preys on something else, the wounded, the old, and the sick speedily fall into the power of their enemies. The creatures can scarcely find any place so secluded as to be secure; the hurt bird sees the shadow of the hawk as it soars with keen eye, looking for its prey. Day and night the birds and beasts prowl about, and the dumb, sense, feeble, and aged meet special death.

How much do the wild animals know of death? It is impossible to say, yet two things are certain: they have a fear of it, and they understand how to escape. They know that killing is generally to obtain food, but one animal does not attempt to bite a piece of food out of another, and this is true; it aims to kill first, and then to eat.

The wild creatures, within the regions thickly peopled by men, have now an inherited fear of man, and this drives them from the system. In hundreds of cases they have run out after all other medicines have failed, thus establishing the claim that they are a marvel among the triumphs of modern medicine. The genuine Pink Pills are sold only by those bearing the full trade mark, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." You yourself from imposition by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills alone I followed his advice, but I had begun to use them when I began to feel very much better. After using two boxes I was perfectly cured and have never been troubled with the complaint since. I am confident that to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills alone I owe my cure.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills create new bone and tissue, and thus drive the animal from the system. In hundreds of cases they have run out after all other medicines have failed, thus establishing the claim that they are a marvel among the triumphs of modern medicine. The genuine Pink Pills are sold only by those bearing the full trade mark, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

One can get near to a covey of partisans. Squirrels do not shun dread of horses or cattle; yet by this time they all know man.

Teacher—Johnny, can you tell me what is meant by "steward"? Johnny—A steward is a man that doesn't mind his own business. Teacher—Why, where did you get that idea? Johnny—Well, I looked it up in the dictionary, and it said: "A man who attends to the affairs of others."

Nature has made occupation a necessity to us; society makes it a duty; habit makes it a pleasure.

## Catarrh

Now This Disagreeable Disease May Be Entirely Overcome.

Catarrh in the head, with its ringing noises in the ears, buzzing, snapping sounds, severe headaches and disagreeable discharges from the nose, are symptoms of the disease known as Sarsaparilla, which purifies and enriches the blood, soothes and rebuilds the delicate tissues, giving them a decided tone, health, instead of languor, and simply by removing it cause and removing the affliction in a natural way.

**HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA.**  
Canada's Greatest Medicine. Price \$1.  
Hood's Pills are Indigestion. 25 cents.

At the present rate of combustion it is thought the sun will last from 7,000,000 to 15,000,000 years before burning itself out.

### A GIRL'S TRIBUTE.

#### SHEDS HOW DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS GAVE HER HEALTH.

Thousands of Girls Need the Same Remedy,  
For They are Suffering from Similar  
Diseases—Dodd's Kidney Pills Will Cure  
Them.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—There are thousands of girls in this city who are passing the best years of their lives in the best of health, when they should be enjoying the blessings of health, strength and vigor.

The observer who will watch the crowds of girls and young women after their hard day's work, cannot but be struck by the many faces—young faces—that should be rosy with the glow of health, with sparkling eyes, and well-rounded cheeks, but which are pale and careworn, with dark circles round eyes that have lost their brightness.

A glance is enough to show that these accidents are far more likely to occur to the right leg and arm than to the left. Further evidence of this fact is supplied by the makers of artificial limbs. They find that the right leg is more prone to the right side of the body than to the other. Statistics show that in 54 cases out of 100 the left leg is stronger than the right.

No one can tell on earth can produce such astonishingly beneficial results, in these cases, as Dodd's Kidney Pills can and will.

Mrs. Mary Dinsdale, 73 Esther street, has proved the truth of this statement. She says: "I have been a sufferer from Femoral, Sciatic, Nervous, Neuralgic, Tremble, and doctored without deriving any benefit. I began using Dr. Williams' Kidney Pills and my recovery dated from that time. All welcome."

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There's a load off my mind, said the Acadian lady, as she disposed the seven bushels of coal that she had picked up along the railroad tracks.

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A French statistician has calculated that the human eye travels over 2,000 yards in reading an ordinary sized novel. The average human being is supposed to get through 2,500 miles of reading in a lifetime.

is there anything Blowhard doesn't know? Well, if there is, old fellow, he doesn't know it.

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## Reduction in Prices

### BRINGS

## Increase of Trade.

ONLY TEN DAYS MORE FOR XMAS SHOPPING.

We must clear out our large stock of Fancy Goods this month, regardless of prices. This includes—

Lamps, Books, Bibles, Toys, Games, Perfumes, Al-

bums, Novels, Poets, &c., &c.

—In fact, nearly all lines in stock.

### FANCY CHINA.

Sugar and Cream Sets, beautifully decorated, were 40c., now.....	25c.
Tea, Sugar and Cream, were \$1.00, now.....	60c.
Japanese and Chinese Cups and Saucers, very fine goods, were 90c., & \$1.50c.	50c.
Cups and Saucers, in pretty shapes and decorations, were from 25c. to 50c., now.....	15c., 20c., 25c.
Five O'Clock Tea Sets, price \$1.75 and \$2.00, now only.....	\$1.25
VASES—Colored Glass, Japanese, Fancy Decorated China, Cut Glass, from 10c. to.....	\$5.00

### BOOKS.

#### BETTER BOOK BARGAINS WERE NEVER OFFERED.

Standard Authors, fancy binding, suitable for mailing, were 35c., now.....	25c.
FOR 25 CENTS we can sell you a well printed, well bound book, green cloth covers, gilt titles, easily worth 35c., comprising such authors as Cowper, Hawthorne, Mayne Reid, Marryat, Longfellow, Scott, Milton, Dumas, Dickens, E. P. Roe, Lowell, Wallace, Thackeray, Bronte, etc.	
POETS.—Full line in cloth and gold, well bound and printed, regular \$1.00, for.....	60c.
\$2.00 Edition, full leather, soft covers, for \$1.00 and.....	\$1.25

CHURCH SERVICES.—CHURCH OF ENGLAND Common Prayer, Prayer and Hymns, (combined) all styles of print and binding.

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All styles and colors in HANGING LAMPS, VASE LAMPS, BANQUET LAMPS, GLASS LAMPS. It will pay you to buy now.

TOYS, BLOCKS, GAMES, MUSICAL WAGONS, HORNS, TOOL CHESTS, &c., DOLLS.—We have a wagon load, and are showing a great variety of Dolls easily worth from 35c. to 50c., for 25c. We have them at all prices, from 1c. to \$1.00.

### ODD LINES.

Olive Oil & Cucumber Soap at 3 cakes for 10c. Blotting Paper, assorted colors, heavy, large size, 2 sheets for 5c. Note Paper, any size, 5 quires for 15c. Margin Ruled Folio, 15 cents for 100 Sheets.

1,000 200-page Scribblers cleared out next week at 1c. each. Crepe Tissue, new shades, fancy patterns, gilt spangled and flowered, from 10 cents to 50 cents per roll.

Our Store is full of Bargains. Come and see us.

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The unguessed line for service Improved Berkshires and Tannow Boars, both thoroughbred. Terms 75cts. Also a number of small pigs for sale.

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FOR XMAS TRADE.—Gentlemen's Fine Slippers, \$1.00; Ladies' Fine Slippers, 50c.; Children's Felt Julets, assorted colors, 50c., 75c.; Children's Santa Claus Slippers; Ladies' High Overgaiters at cost; Ladies' Skating Boots, felt lined, \$1.50; Ladies' Goodyear Welts, no tacks or threads to hurt the feet, soles very flexible, warranted to give satisfaction; Overshoes, Felt Boots, Larrigans, Socks & Rubbers,—in fact we have everything to keep the feet dry and warm.

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**ADVERTISING NOTICES.**  
In the local column will be charged fees as follows:  
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and under, 25 cents per insertion; over three lines, 50c. per line, stated in full or in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line.  
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No insertion less than 25c.

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—  
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
Mail.....6:15 a.m. Mail.....4:47 p.m.  
Mixed.....4:45 p.m. Mixed.....10:30 a.m. n.

**The Stirling News-Argus.**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898

### LOCAL MATTERS.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa will consecrate the Church of St. Lawrence on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The apostolic Rite of Confirmation will be administered in St. John's Church, Stirling, on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Beautiful satin suspenders in assortments, each pair in nice box, suitable for Xmas presents, at wards.

The County Court commenced its sessions in Belleville on Tuesday. There is very little business to come before it.

There will be a special meeting of the Stirling Lodge A. O. U. W. No. 514 on Monday evening, the 19th. All members are requested to attend. Don't fail.

White and colored silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. for Xmas at wards.

The Milk-maid's drill and the hunt for Santa Claus will be attractive features of the Christmas entertainment at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd. Don't miss it.

The largest and best assort stock of Crockery, China, Glassware, etc., especially for the Christmas trade will be found at S. Holden's, Rawdon, his advertisements.

Suitable presents, a pair of Gloves, Necktie, Silk Mufflers, Dress Shirt, Collars and Cuffs, Cut Buttons, and Cuff Links from ward's.

The sale of road allowance in the township of Rawdon, between lots 18 and 19 in the 2nd. Con. took place yesterday by Public Auction. Mr. B. A. Lucas, of Sidney, was the purchaser.

As Christmas day comes on Sunday this year the bell will ring for Santa Claus 24 hours earlier than usual and he will distribute his presents at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Comfortable presents, a pair of Fur Gauntlets, Fur Muff, Collar, Cape, Cap or Boa from ward's.

The snow storm and high winds of last week have left the roads, especially the north and south ones, in the worst condition probably ever known for so early in the season. In many places they were impassable until considerable shovelling was done.

The service at Carmel Methodist Church, town line, at 2:30 p.m. Christmas afternoon (Sunday 25th) will be in the interest of the Sunday School, and liberal Christmas offerings are asked for to supply the School with literature.

The election campaign in North Hastings is now on in earnest, and meetings in behalf of each candidate are being held in various parts of the riding. It is likely one or more meetings will be held here next week at which some prominent men will speak.

The Ridge Road S. S. intend holding their annual Entertainment on Thursday evening Dec. 22nd. Professor Honeywell is expected to be with us. Adults—60cts. 55c.; single 20c.; children 10c. Everybody come and enjoy an evening with us. By order of committee.

The services in the Methodist Church on Christmas day, Sunday Dec. 25th, will be of special interest. A Christian Sermon will be preached in the morning by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Johnston. In the afternoon there will be a general rally of old and young in the body of the Church, when a service of singing, recitations and addresses will be held. In the evening a Christmas song service will be given.

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Fancy Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, each pair done up separately in a neat box, suitable for Xmas Presents, 40c., 45c., 60c., 75c., \$1.10.

Silk Mufflers, Scotch plaid, shepherd plaid, pure white, 75c., \$1.50.

Cashmere Mufflers, 25c. to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1.00.

Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c. to \$1.50.

## Neck-Wear = Neck-Wear

We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Puffs, Derbys, Flying Ends, Clubs, Strings, Bows, Knots, — anything and everything new in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

## Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

## FURS. - FURS. - FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Caperines, Collars, Ruffs, Muffs, Capes, Boas, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store YOUR Store.

If Santa Claus can get an extra freight train we will want 500 School children to call on Saturday, as it will bring something for them, at

**FRED. T. WARD'S,**  
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

## HOLIDAY BUYING.

EVERY DAY A BUSY DAY, AND EVERYBODY HAPPY THIS WEEK.

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS, in white and grey, size 10/4 for 80cts.; size 11/4 for \$1.00; size 11/4 for \$1.25; size 11/4 for \$1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Our assortment is very large, prices from 3c. to 30c. each. Men's and boys' White Silk Hdks., all sizes, from 25c. to 65c.

RIBBONS, for finishing up your fancy work. We have all prices in Satin and Silk Ribbons.

CASHMERE SHAWLS.—The "Old Folks" as well as the "Young Folks" appreciate a handsome Shawl as a Xmas gift. Prices from 75c. to \$2.

FANCY DISHES.—Our table of Fancy China is well filled yet, and many more fine presents to be had yet.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, in all colors and prices, ranging from 50c. to \$1.25 per pair. MEN'S WHITE KID GLOVES, for weddings and parties. A new lot just here, prices only 50c., all sizes.

MEN'S FINE WHITE SHIRTS.—Our prices are right, both in laundried and unlaundried, from 50c.

GROCERIES.—A special bargain in Raisins and Currants, Candies and Nuts for Christmas trade. Come here to buy your supply. A full line in everything else.

POULTRY.—We have all kinds for a Christmas dinner. Don't pass this store, but get your wants supplied here.

Buying Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter and Beans.

**C. F. STICKLE,**  
GENERAL MERCHANT.

## --XMAS :- GOODS--

Do not fail to see our Stock of Goods

---On Exhibition for the Christmas Trade.

WATCHES—CLOCKS,—CHAINS,—BRACELETS,—RINGS,—STICK PINS,—GARTERS,—TOILET ARTICLES,—MANICURE—PAPER KNIVES,—BOOK MARKS,—BANQUET LAMPS, SILK SHADES,—FLOWER POTS,—and a host of other articles.

WE INVITE INSPECTION.

**W. H. CALDER,**  
JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME !

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Cranberries, Spices,  
Currants, Flour,  
Raisins, Pork,  
Peels, Lard,  
Sugar, Salt.

—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

**JOHN SHAW.**

Annual Examination for Teachers'  
Third Class Professional Certi-  
ficates.

This examination was held in the County Model School, Madoc, on Dec. 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. On the 5th and 6th, the examination was a written examination on papers set by the Education Department on the Science of Education, School Management, Methods in Mathematics, Methods in English, School Law and Regulations, and School Rules. On the following days the students-in-training were examined in Practical Teaching and in Blackboard Work. Since the Board have been engaged in reading the written examination for a renewal of their professional certificates.

The written answers gave indications of very careful training and preparation. The actual teaching of the students was of an average character. The Board would be pleased to see a decided improvement in this most important of all subjects.

The following students have been awarded Provincial Third Class Certificates valid in every part of the Province, from the first day of January 1899:—

Ashley, Bessie, Thompson, Lillian  
Clancy, Anna, Farley, Olga  
Farrell, Annie, Ketcheson, Rose  
Frost, Edith, Bristol, Wesley  
Foley, Nellie, Collins, Charles  
Gardiner, Fred, Dizzell, Fred  
Hanson, Mabel, Hageman, John A.  
Henry, Helen, Hamilton, J. W.  
Johnson, Minnie, Morrow, W. J.  
Latta, Jessie, O'Hara, Stanley  
Marty, Flora, Rutledge, Samuel  
McMullen, Minnie, Thompson, John  
McMullan, Jessie, McMurray, W. A.  
Prealey, Emma, Clare, Charles  
Stephenson, Annie.

Renewals for Third Class Certificates valid for three years in the County of Hastings only, were granted to:—

Brown, W. C., Leveck, Elizabeth  
Green, Norman, Laing, Grace  
Miller, Alex., Mackay, Catherine  
Trotter, Stanley, Morris, Lillie  
Jordison, G. A., Payne Minnie  
Adams, May, Potter, Minnie  
Brown, Lillian, Smith, Isabel  
Dafeo, Mabel, Stevenson, Ethel  
Gowsell, Ethel, Tate, Mary  
Heenan, Maggie, Whytock, Lottie

A renewal, valid for two years only was granted to Chambers, J. E.

The following additional Third Class Certificates were granted:—

For the year, E. T. Kerr, (2 years.)  
Mary Bates, (6 months.)  
Minnie Sutherland, (6 months.)

District Certificates, valid for two years in the following Schools Sections, viz:—1, 2, 5, Bangor; 4, Wicklow; 9 Montezie; 1 Lake; 2 Mayo; 3 Herschel and Faraday, were granted to:—

McCaw, Jane, Payne, Maude  
Collins, Carrie.

The Board wish it understood that hereafter no renewal of Certificate will be granted to any teacher who does not hold Junior Leaving qualifications.

The Board are of the opinion that Teachers with Junior leaving qualifications should attend the Normal School on the expiration of their Third Class Certificates, and do not intend by granting renewals to discourage them from, or enable them to avoid, doing so.

County Council Nominations.

The nominations for County Councilors took place in the several divisions on Monday last.

In No. 1 Division, Sidney, Messrs. B. Mallory and J. A. Holgate were elected by acclamation.

In No. 2 Division, Thurlow, Messrs. Farley, McCargar, Ross, Denyes, Vermilyea, Leavens and Dr. Faulkner were nominated. Messrs. Farley and Vermilyea retired, and the others are likely to stand a contest.

In No. 3 Division, Tyendinaga and Deseronto—Messrs. J. C. Hanley and A. McFarlane were elected by acclamation.

In No. 4 Division, Stirling, Rawdon and Marmora and Lake, Messrs. F. B. Parker and J. W. Pearce were re-elected by acclamation.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. Perry Bird and two children of Brandon, Manitoba, are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hart.

Mr. Ambrose Faulkner is confined to the bed with inflammatory rheumatism. Dr. Faulkner is in attendance.

What might have been a very serious illness, is happily on the mend, to be extinguished.

At 6 o'clock Sunday morning Dr. Jose was driving by A. Hubble's harness shop, and saw a bright light. He drove up and stopped and soon saw that the floor was on fire. He broke a window of glass and rushed in with some snow and a soap got it under control, and ran and wakened the proprietor, who with the Dr.'s help soon had the fire out. It is supposed to have started from cigar stamps or matches thrown in a box used for that purpose.

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"STIRLING CASH STORE."

CUT THIS OUT FOR  
REFERENCE IN  
YOUR XMAS BUYING

## CHRISTMAS BARGAINS. DRY GOODS.

### SPECIAL.

### GROCERIES.

For the Xmas trade this Department is well assorted, and bristles with bargains.

In Dress Goods our stock is complete, and comprises the newest goods.

Black Henrietta  
at 35c., 50c., 75c., 80c., \$1.00.

SPECIAL.

Black Henrietta, corded  
fine, big value ..... 75c.  
Fine black plain Henrietta, the  
best value to be found ..... 50c.  
Fine Black Henrietta, 46-inch,  
regular value 75c. ..... 63c.

Tweed Dress Patterns.

From now until Xmas we offer some  
special bargains.

Regular \$2.50 Suits for ..... \$2.00  
" 85.50 Suits for ..... \$4.00  
" 55.75 Suits for ..... \$4.25  
" 65.50 Suits for ..... \$4.75

Cloakings.

Sixty pieces to select from. Prices  
from 75c. to \$2.25.

Table Linens

25c., 35c., 40c., 50c., 90c.

Beautiful fine Pure Linen, nearly  
2 yards wide, only ..... 50c.

Wrapperettes.

This week we just opened new  
line of Heavy Wrapperettes in Plaids  
and pretty patterns.

Special value, heavy weight ..... 10c.  
32 in. Heavy Flannelette ..... 5c.

NEW LACES, NEW GLOVES,  
NEW HANDKERCHIEFS,

NEW RIBBONS,

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitched  
Handkerchiefs ..... 5c.

Gentlemen's large size Lawn  
Handkerchiefs ..... 5c.

Handermen's Hemstitched Silk  
Handkerchiefs ..... 25c.

Feather Boas, starting at ..... 25c.

Boys' and Youth's Suits, all sizes,  
will be sold at the same reduction.

We are bound to bring a large trade this way if Prices and Quality are any inducement.

## Mid-Winter Sale Of CLOTHING.

### Fresh Raisins.

large, selected fruit.  
Seeded Raisins, in 1-lb. packages.

Cleaned CURRANTS, no stems,  
in 1-lb. packages.

Choice clean Currants, by the lb.  
SHELLED ALMONDS, Shelled  
WALNUTS.

Fresh Peels.

Orange, Citron and Lemon.

Fresh Salmon.

Clover Leaf and O-wei-kay-no brands.

Canned Goods.

Tomatoes, Peas, Corn, Apples, Plums,  
Chipped and Corn Beef.

Pure Java & Mocha COFFEE.

RICE, two qualities, one at 5c., and  
a large clear kernel at 8c.

TAPIOCA, good quality.

Oatmeal.

We carry nothing but the BEST  
BRAND.

Our 25-CENT TEA is a leader,  
Money refunded if not satisfactory.

Bring us your Poultry and Produce.

We pay the highest prices.

## T. G. CLUTE.

## CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

### At the Popular Shoe Store.

For the Ladies—Our first Thought Always.

Ladies' Felt Romeos and Juliets  
" Slippers and House Boots.  
" Gaiters and German Slippers.  
Fine Overshoes and Rubbers.  
Cardigan Overshoes. Ladies' Skating Boots.  
Spats, Overtickers and Leggings.

For the Men.

Men's Fancy Plush Slippers.  
Carpet Slippers.  
Opera (Chocolate) Slippers  
Fine Overshoes.  
Felt Gaiters.  
Spats (fawn and black).

For the Girls.

Girl's Neat Skating Boots.  
Girl's Fancy German Slippers.  
Girl's Cardigan Overshoes.  
Girl's Lined Rubbers.  
Girl's Moccasins.

For the Boys.

Boys' Moccasins.  
Skating Boots.  
Rubbers.  
Sox & Rubbers.

### FOR CHILDREN.

Children's Felt Button Boots.  
Gritters and Slippers.  
Cardigan Overshoes.  
Rubbers.  
Moccasins (fancy).  
Santa Claus Slippers.

You will always find anything you want in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers  
at the Lowest Prices. Give us a call when doing your Xmas shopping.

**MARTIN & REYNOLDS.**

## Diamond Cut Diamond

OR,  
THE ROUT OF THE ENEMY.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

For a moment he was silent, then he spoke again.

"And—other things—have failed you?" I asked, as I heard it, his heart beat oddly in strange.

"Yes, they have failed me," she replied, very slowly.

"You mean—you have loved—and you have lost."

"I have been disillusioned," she broke in somewhat abruptly, and after a short moment of silence she added, with a certain harsh coldness, "I have done."

"But you have not done with friendship, at least?" he answered. "You still believe in that, do you not? You could not understand that she was unwilling for him to know of her love before, but never such love as this—was to her very heart she felt it. And, yet, perhaps, because she was fond of him, her words, which could speak safely, sounded even in her own ears to be shallow and meaningless."

"A dear boy, the age of chivalry is past, what over I imagine!" "You laugh at me? You reject my friendship?"

"No, God knows I neither laugh at you," she replied quickly, and with a deep earnestness, "nor do I refuse to accept what you say. But, in any case, of infinite value to me."

"I only ask to see you, to be near you, to speak to you now and then, not often but when I then. Surely it is not much to ask?" I said very humbly, almost whispering the words, as he bent towards her.

"Listen to me, Geoffrey," he pressed the hand that rested on his arm, as she used his name, but she did not speak, as though he had been in a position that she could not deny it to him, for he would not be denied. Geoffrey, fearing this first great love of his life and grasping it boldly with both hands, was no longer an adoring boy, young and simple, but a man with all man's purpose and daring.

"For when once love has been spoken of between a man and a woman, it is the man who becomes her master, and the woman whose glory it is to have been loved."

Rose knew this—she knew that a woman who allows and half consents to a man's love is no longer able to dictate terms to him, can no longer keep him to her.

"The thought which she had given to him, she knew it, and yet she blushed at it—turning her eyes away, stifling down her conscience—beating back with specious arguments the strong of self-convictions which came in to condemn her. That was her sin. She was willing to be won over, but skinned the belt of trees until she came out on the rough, chalky road below the house. Here, beneath a great bare beech-tree, just beyond the ever tiny arched gateway, she sat, leaning her back against the smooth, whitened trunk, and wrapping her cloak closely about her. From here she could no longer see the advancing train, only the long chalk road, that came out on the rough, chalky road below the house.

Presently she crossed the fence which surrounded the plantations about her house. She did not enter the gate, but skirted the belt of trees until she came out on the rough, chalky road below the house.

Then Geoffrey pressed the hand upon which the bracelet which she had sent to him at the little wayside station, short of Coddisham, at which he always alighted, would presently return.

"When will I come?" he said eagerly.

"Soon! Very soon? When?" he said eagerly.

"Next week," she said, smiling.

"Next week?" she withdrew her hand, but he caught it once more and pressed it hard.

"God bless you, dear," he murmured.

"And God bless him! Also how often do such blessings invoked upon the head we love fall short and never reach their destination. God sent no blessing here. Rather, did angels weep and devils laugh at another self-deception of frail, erring humanity!"

blossoming about you. My love is still, but you will know more than they do, and you will know it is there—always there. You tell me I am young and there is life, but you will know it is there—my love is still, but a woman who sits upon the grass, upon the sloping side of a green-shouldered hill, and looks out toward the far, wild horizon, eyes that I have said, that woman, who so recklessly braves the terrors of an English Spring day, must, without a doubt, be desperately and fearfully in love. The wind which blows and tells you that her little dog cuddles up closely against her skirts, striving to shelter himself in their folds; now and then she sits up, and draws her skirt closer about her, and then she sits on motionless, and watches. After her lies spread out a wide flat landscape,azy with the tall grasses, and, above, the pale, thin lines of the sky. Immediately below, between herself and the plains beneath, is the wooded hollow where Hidden House lay buried.

What is it there?—the house de Brefour sits silent on the grass, in the east wind, waiting to see?

Only a thing white line of smoke, far, far away, that presently will grow, now that she could hold out no longer. A garrison that holds a traitor within its walls always gives in at the end, and in Rose's heart there was a sense of triumph.

"Right and wrong! Right and wrong! That was what kept on ringing in her heart remorselessly like the beat of a timepiece backwards and forwards. Right and wrong! Right and wrong!"

Well, she had fought for the right, but the right seemed so hard, and the wrong was so cloaked and disguised that at last it hardly seemed to be right at all. What is worth while to keep up the fight for what was but a shadow at the worst?

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## About the House.

THE FLOWERS' BALL.

There is an old story.

It is a legend so I'm told.

In the ivied days of old;

How the posies gave a party once

That wound up with a ball.

Down they held it in a valley

And up the "Flower Kingdom Hall."

An ornate hall of Blue Bells

Was upon the grass.

And pealed forth gentle music.

That quite captured every soul.

The Holy hooked a pistol

Was to buy, a suit of clothes,

And dance with all the flowers.

But the music was breaking.

The Morning Glory was

Seemed reflecting all the glow

Of dawn.

And the flowers were

Seemed reflecting all the glow

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## A CHRISTMAS BARGAIN.

It was not at the beautiful row of evergreens behind which he was imprisoned, nor at the big, comfortable farm house, nor at the old man chopping wood in the yard, that Ellis Morris was gazing; it was at an old coat hanging on the clothes line and flapping at a lively rate in the cold wind. A glance at his own old, thin coat would have explained why he eyed the other with so much interest.

Ellis could have slipped in behind the dense foliage of the evergreens and stolen the old coat. And that was the very thought that forced itself into his mind, for he was shivering cold. But the bad intruder was forced out quickly as it came in.

"I wouldn't do such a thing," he said, "even if I am nearly frozen."

If Ellis had only known it, there was too much of the father and mother, who were now so silent in a distant resting-place in him to be guilty of stealing even an old coat.

"But I know what I will do," he said. On this determination he started quickly up the walk toward the house and went to the old man was chopping wood.

"Hello, sonny!" said the farmer, cordially as Ellis approached. "Pretty tough weather, ain't it?"

"Yes, it's awful cold," returned Ellis, his teeth chattering, so he could hardly speak. "I—I—thought—I would see if I could make a bargain with you."

"A bargain!" exclaimed Mr. Thornton stopping work; what kind of a bargain?"

"I want to saw enough wood for you to pay for that old coat on the line, if you haven't any use for it. My old coat is just about gone and I'm terribly cold."

Mr. Thornton looked down at the boy's purple face and thin clothes. "That's a queer offer at a trade," he said. "But I am willing to make a good bargain. You'd better come in the house first and get warm, and I'll speak to my wife about the coat."

The farmer led the way into the big, warm kitchen, where his wife was busy dressing some fowl. "Now, sonny, you come to the stove and warm yourself," he said to Ellis. Then turning to his wife, "Say, Melindy, you ain't got no use for that old coat out there on the line, have you? This boy wants to make a bargain to saw some wood for it."

Mrs. Thornton halted over a half-picked hen and peered over her glasses at Ellis. She didn't like boys. She had never had any of them in the house, and she had no desire of the child blessing of her life. Neither had her childhood been rounded out by the possession of loving, teasing brothers. Her estimate of boy characters was formed from tales by her mother and maid. The richness and worthiness that underlie the noise and mischief of boy life were wholly lost upon her. But notwithstanding this dislike Mrs. Thornton could not help pitying Ellis, who was so thinly dressed and looked so cold.

"Well—no—I don't know as I have," she replied. "It's one of your brother's old coats he left here when he went west two years ago. I saw the man come into town, so I thought I'd make it out and let 'em freeze up. But I should think it would be a sight too big for that boy."

"But if he wants it, that's his business," said Mr. Thornton. "And I own I shouldn't mind having a boy help on the farm. My wife is trying me dreadfully this mornin', and Hiram is so slow at his work, seems he never gets time to cut any wood."

"You wouldn't want a boy to work for you, would you?" asked Ellis. He had asked that same question at farm after farm, only to meet with refusals. He expected nothing else now.

"Well—no—I guess—not," said Mr. Thornton slowly after his wife had shaken him hard whispering, "him? We've got one hand, a nephew, working for us. That's all the help we can afford to keep in winter time."

He stood looking down on the boy as he spoke, there was a trace of genitiveness in the old man's soul. Some boy angel must have whispered in his ear as he looked at Ellis. He disappeared a moment, then returned with a plate heaped up with slices of bread, cold meat, and dumplings.

"Here, sonny," he said, "you better eat a little snack before you go to work."

Ellis sat down by the stove, and ate with the same keen relish as would any other half-starved boy. When he finished his lunch he went to the wood pile where he worked industriously for a few hours. The old farmer worked with him.

"I'll give you a quarter, you've paid for your eat by this time," said Mr. Thornton at length.

"But not for the lunch. I was awfully hungry and so glad to get something to eat, I wanted to pay for it," said Ellis chirpingly.

"But I don't want you to pay for that. Howsoever, I like your spirit. I'd a sight sooner see a boy and a man too, for that matter, independent and industrious, than to work his way than to sponge it by beggin'." It might good sign in him. As for me I just hate a beggar. But you stop your chopping now and go and get your sonny here, sonny," said the farmer, shoved his hand down in his pocket, and drew out a silver half-dollar. "To-morrow is Christmas you know, and this is a little gift for you."

Ellis was soon trudging again along the public road, but he was a happier boy than before. The old coat, added greatly to his comfort, and his glad fingers fairly tingled at the feeling of the half-dollar in his pocket. He asked for work at several farms, but it seemed as if the world had no place for him. When night came on he was still on the road. He was passing from the road in the dark, and he believed "I'll sleep at those stumps to-night," he said inwardly. "It's hard to ask people to let me stay overnight. They act as if they thought I was some kind of scum."

He went to the stumps and selecting

## "MOTHERS, WHOSE CHILDREN ARE SLEEPING."

Words ANON.  
Andantino.

Music by GEO. F. ROOT.

1. Oh, moth - ers, whose chil - dren are sleep - ing, Thank God by their pil - lows to - night; And  
2. The som - bre-winged an - gel is go - ing, With pit - i - less flight o'er the land; We  
3. Oh, yes! there are hearts on whose al - tar Is noth - ing but ash - es to - night; And  
Cres. .... Dim. .... p  
pray for the moth - ers now weep - ing O'er pil - lows too smooth and too white; Where bright lit - tle  
Cres. .... Dim. .... p  
wake in the morn new - or know - ing What he, ere the night, may de - mand; Yes, now, while our  
voi - es whose tones sad - ly fal - ter, And dim eyes that shrink from the light. Oh, moth - ers, whose  
heads oft have lain,..... And soft lit - tle cheekshave been press'd; Oh, moth - ers, who know not this  
dar-lings are sleep - ing, There's ma - ny a soft lit - tle bed, Whose pil - lows are moistened with  
chil - dren are sleep - ing, While bending to touch their fair heads; Pray, pray for the moth - ers now  
Cres. .... Dim. .... Ritard.  
pain,..... Take cour - age to bear all the rest, Take cour - age to bear all the rest.....  
Cres. .... Dim. .... Ritard.  
weep - ing The loss of one dear lit - tle head, The loss of one dear lit - tle head.....  
weep - ing O'er si - lent and des - o - late beds, O'er si - lent and des - o - late beds.....

a sheltered spot burrowed his way, like a rabbit, underneath. He then went into the hole, first leaving out the tail. He then sat down around his ears and shoved his hands down into its big pockets. The gray dusk of the December day was still lingering. He lay looking up at the shadowy objects around him, an unnatural grin at his stomach. He was cold, too; but as he thought how everyone had turned him away during the day, and how gloomy his prospects were, the tears began to trickle across his face. His quarters were dark, and he lay in the dark, his arm, which became very uncomfortable. He began to twist his body over. As did so one hand pushed through a hole that was in the old pocket, and his fingers closed over it and he brought it out to view. It was a small roll of white paper. Ellis unrolled the paper and found—what? Something that looked like a muck-like mass. He scrambled quickly off his bed and examining it found that it was money—there were four bills. But it was too dark to decipher the figures on them.

Ellis was greatly excited. After trying in vain to make out the amount he threw the money up again and put it carefully away in his pocket. He then crept back into his bed. But his mind was full of new and conflicting thoughts. On first finding the money he supposed he was a thief. He had bought the coat, and of course, he had nothing in the coat except with it he argued. But as he lay there, with the blinking stars looking him in the face and the impressive quietness of the night around him, a sense of the rightness of his action came over him. And before he fell asleep it was made very clear to him that the money was not his, that it had been lost to its owner by slipping through a hole in his old garment.

Ellis slept very well, considering his cold, hard bed, and did not awaken until broad daylight. His first thought almost was for the money. He got up in a hurry and taking out the roll from his pocket, spread it out, and was shocked to find four \$1 bills.

"Forty dollars!" exclaimed Ellis, "I can't be left in an old coat. I guess the one that do a good bargain, if I'm a mind to keep it, is soon. I know well enough it isn't mine. I know they didn't intend for me to take it, that was there by some mistake, what's the use of trying to make myself believe a lie. I'm going right straight back and give it to that old man."

He started back and reached the Thornton farm by the middle of the

forenoon. Mr. Thornton was out in the yard. "Hello, sonny," he called out, when he saw Ellis approaching, "have you come back to earn another coat, or is it some trousers this time?"

"By the Great Mogul!" cried Mr. Thornton, when Ellis told him his errand.

"Why, you dear, blessed boy,

you could have kept it as well as not if you had been a mind too. And not only that, but it will clear up a mystery that came night ending very bad for one young fellow. You see, my brother, stayed with us awhile before he left, and while he was here he lost \$40."

He slept in the same room with a young man who was working for us, an awful good honest fellow. When you can't be found, he said, you can't be found, and I'll see if I can't find something more decent like for you to put on. We are goin' to have some of the neighbors in to dinner and its about time they are comin'!"

### CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE.

The habits and customs of the Parisians differ greatly from those of our own large cities, but at no time more than at this festive season.

A stranger in Paris would know Christmas Day from any other by the appearance of the capital. It is, indeed, set down as a jour de fete in the calendar, but all the ordinary business of life is transacted, the streets are, as usual, crowded with wagons and coaches, those with drivers and horses, are open, although on fete days the order for closing them is rigorously enforced, and if not attended to, a fine levied, and at the churches, nothing extraordinary is to be observed.

Paris is a Catholic country which professes to pay such attention to the outward rites of religion. On Christmas Day the whole of the Christmas

is spent in the hearts about him, will find it subtly stealing from them to his own, and will, almost unknowing, find bitter disappointment.

Walking under the cold thin air,

it is very fair and charity makes

of the long, long night that death shall last."

Christmas feelings make the most of us. Now, as a rule, after the day of the birth of Christ, the French listen to the church music and to the singing of their church, which is generally the best.

The most interesting thing you ever heard of Melindy and her husband, after both had promised the queerest thing they had ever heard of a score of times.

They entered the shop where Mrs. Thornton was preparing for Christmas dinner. The news was re-told and commented on again in the greatest joy and wonder by the old people.

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"Well, yes, it is," she returned "but the queerest thing about it, me is the boy should have what his dog could have kept that money and called it his own since he bought the old coat, if he had wanted to. I don't know now, but there is somethin' to boys after all, and to me, we've got the old dog."

"I'm a mind to keep it, Henry, if you want to do what you said this morning, you can, as far as I'm concerned."

"She means," began the old farmer,

"to be a boy at the beginning of

our nephews, but us, at night, he could

stay with us any longer. I told

Melindy I wish we had known it soon

and I'd a taken you when you was here yesterday, for I believed then you'd

### Festival of Childhood.

Christmas is the festival of childhood. Who would enjoy it truly but in heart even as a little child. Its ecstasies are in self-forgetfulness in the betterment of others.

Its highest celebration is in helping our neighbors to be happy and thus sharing our happiness with them. There is no happiness compared to love, and the happiness grows greater as the love increases more and more of our fellow-beings.

That is the best Christmas time in which one feels most acutely the actuality of kinship with all the world.

It is the child that is the real democrat, as Emerson has it, he makes children of all the adults that gather around him, levels them to his own simplicity.

The child in the man whose interest himself is most merged into interest for his fellow-beings, and the more we have for all and share and sorrow have, the more we are open to the promotion of the happiness of others.

Love is the only anodyne, and giving it out returns upon us as manifold as the objects upon which it is bestowed.

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### CHRISTMAS GOOSE.

In England goose is more often the Christmas bird than turkey.

To those who think of substituting

for a turkey a canary bird,

formal though it may present an am-

azing and tempting appearance as it is

brought to the table crisp and aroma-

tic, will serve by no means.

As only the best is available, use

the best treatment of removing the

leg tendons, thus gaining all

the drumstick meat, there is no edible

bird to compare in economy with the

turkey.

### TRUE LOVE.

Wife—Why, George, you haven't smoked any of those cigars I gave you to-morrow night?

Hubby—No, dear, I haven't the heart

to burn anything you gave me.

REVERENCE FOR CHRIST.

Many persons who would not avow themselves Christians express admiration and reverence for Christ.

### Orange Favors for the Christmas Dinner.

Dainty favors with which to decorate the Christmas table can be fashioned from oranges. They take the form of little baskets, filled with nuts and bon-bons, or they may be made to serve as unique candlesticks for holding tiny Christmas tree tapers.

Both of these quaint fancies are easily produced by the aid of a sharp pen-



AN ORANGE BASKET.

knife and a large amount of patience. To make the basket, take a perfect orange and from it cut out small portions, or "quarters," represented by A, in diagram 1. This done, with the knife and a spoon, remove the contents, care being taken to preserve the peel from injury. The contents may be eaten, made into orange jelly, or disposed of in any desirable way as it is of no further use for our purpose. The finished basket is now washed in cold water, dried, and filled with fruit, flowers or nuts. A small card, bearing the name of the guest for whom it is intended, is attached to the handle by a tiny bow of ribbon.

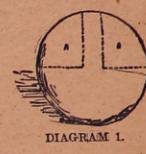
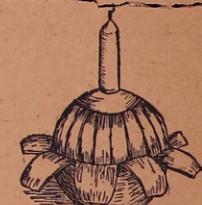


DIAGRAM 1.

attractive basket is shown in our first illustration.

The candlestick requires greater skill in cutting but is more satisfactory at the end, as the flame is not intended for at all. To make the meal the candle can be removed and the orange eaten. In preparing it, cut through the peel only as shown in the heavy lines in diagram 2. Slip the penknife under the pieces of peel and A, as you separate the skin from the inside, then turn the back at the dotted line. The cap B is left on to prevent the wax from falling on the fruit. Cut off a small slice, C, on the bottom to prevent any tendency of the orange rolling. Make a small hole at the top and insert the candle. With a lighted orange and white candlestick at



AN ODD CANDLESTICK.

each place, a table so decorated seats a most fairy-like appearance. Of course, these lights are only suitable for a late dinner or supper as by daylight their effect is lost.

Jellied oranges also make pretty decorations for the Christmas table. These are the most delicious and buttery still, wholesome. Slit the peel of an orange round the middle, and carefully insert the handle of a small spoon, a wire, or a piece of wire, so that the fruit will not roll off. Turn the orange over and over until the peel of the form of little bowls. Remove the peel from as many oranges as possible, and make a rather sour jelly and fill the skins just prepared. This is delicious to serve with poultry.

Orange drops made in the same way will be described for filling the hollows of the halves of the peel with white wax. Then with the juice of these oranges, one lemon to bring up the flavor, and a half a box of gelatine, add the gelatine to the juice of the oranges, mix well, and boil until it is set.

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CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS.

Strings of silver and gilt balls and balls of raw cotton make pretty and effective decorations. Shreds of raw cotton may also be sprinkled over the tree. This does very nicely to represent snow. Egg shells, either natural or gilded, may be tied with thread and added to the other materials. You cannot have too much quantity rather than quality makes a tree beautiful. Small, brightly colored tissue paper, and the bright colored tissue paper, should be added if there are any little girls in the house. Candy canes and sugar animals of every conceivable kind are always appreciated by the youngsters.

"The News-Argus" this week contains a large amount of special Christmas reading and other seasonable matter, as well as a piece of music. See the inside pages.

The two-cent postage rate to Great Britain and nearly all British colonies comes into effect on the day after Christmas day. The postage rate in Canada, and to the United States will still be the same as heretofore—three cents. The new two-cent stamps may however be used as part payment of the three cent rate.

## The Consecration of St. Lawrence Church.

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 16th, the Church of St. Lawrence was solemnly set apart from all common uses and consecrated for the worship of God. The Lord Bishop of Ottawa officiated in the absence of the Archbishop of Ontario. The sacred edifice was nicely decorated, and a large congregation was present to witness the sacred ceremony. The choir of St. John's church, Stirling, was present to lead in the singing. His Lordship gave a very impressive address from the pulpit. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst." The Bishop explained that two or three must be gathered together, not in their own but in Christ's name and by His authority if they are to expect his blessing or his presence in their midst. A small marble font was presented to the church by the Rev. J. H. Howell. Great credit is due Mr. D. Wootton for his untiring zeal in getting the Church of St. Lawrence established. It was through his efforts that the church was bought.

## Confirmation in St. John's Church.

On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa administered the Apostolic Rite of laying on of hands in St. John's Church, Stirling. Notwithstanding the size of the roads and the early hour, a large congregation was present. Twenty-three persons were presented to the Bishop, who, after the manner of the apostles, prayed for them, and laid his hands upon them that they might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts. viii. 17.) His Lordship gave two addresses, one before the Confirmation and one after.

In the first address he exhorted them to be intelligent, Christian and churchmen, and to remember that the church is the body of Christ, that Christ deals with His people through His body, which is the Catholic Church, by means of the Sacraments, which are the channels of His grace.

In the second address he advised the candidates to examine themselves every night before going to rest, and to make a careful use of the little book, called the "Narrow Way" which all had received from their clergymen.

The Marmora Herald is advocating the incorporation of that village.

The recent bank robbery trial at Nanaimo cost the County of Lennox \$2,000.

Victoria County will vote on the question of a House of Refuge at the municipal elections.

At the bye-election held in East Northumberland last week, Mr. Douglas, Liberal, was re-elected by a majority of 602.

The Miller Bros. Company, of Montreal, are continuing incorporation to carry on business, with the capital of \$200,000. The applicants are: William Thos. Miller, Montreal; Walter Syme Miller, Glen Miller, Ontario; George Hyde, Montreal; Catherine Isabella Bell Miller, wife of Walter Syme Miller; Glen Miller; James Robert Walker, Westmount.

At Tawmaw, Ont., the fine residence of Mr. W. D. MacEachern, was broken into Tuesday morning. What was saved, and the family had to flee in their night clothes. Mr. MacEachern lost over \$300, which was in his trouser pocket, and some gold. Mr. MacEachern's money was also burned. John MacEachern's door was also burned. A Toronto man saved Mr. MacEachern's property for \$8000. Mowbray's property, very little insurance.

One of the largest pulp mills in the world is a probability of the next few months in the Ottawa district. Mr. Hiram Maxim of Canada, the inventor of the celebrated Maxim gun and Mr. Charles L. James, lumberman of Boston, went to Gilmour & Houston's mill at Chelsea to examine the water power, with a view to establishing a mammoth pulp mill. Mr. Maxim said that he could not give much information, but would say that he was here to examine a water power and a pulp works with a view to building a mill on the spot. "We have lots of money to back our talk," remarked Mr. James, "who was present, and have unbounded faith in the natural resources of this country." While no definite announcement could be made until arrangements are more complete, Mr. Maxim intimated that the concern will be on a big scale.

Electron of Officers.

At a meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 300, held at West Huntingdon on Dec. 5th, 1898, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W.M.—Bro. Wilbert Kingston.  
D.M.—Bro. Wm. Adams.  
Chap.—Bro. Robt. Roy.  
Rec.—Sec.—Bro. James Gay.  
Fin.—Sec.—Bro. Henry Jeffrey.  
Gen.—Sec.—Bro. George Kington.  
D. of C.—Bro. Lutie Dabie.  
Lecturers—Bro. Wilmott Kington and Fred. Kington.  
Sr. Com.—Bro. Wm. Wilson.  
I.T.—Bro. R. Kerr.  
O.T.—Bro. J. Stout.

## Murray Hill Disaster Lawsuit.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE  
OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF RAWDON,

From December 15th, 1897, to January 1st, 1898; and from January 1st to December 15th, 1898; also, Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

## RECEIPTS

From December 15th, 1897, to January 1st, 1898.

Taxes from Roll of 1897—\$4670 00

## EXPENDITURE

From December 15th, 1897, to January 1st, 1898.

Schools—\$3682 20

County rates—\$500 00

For Financial Statements—\$ 600

For the year—\$4588 20

## RECEIPTS

From Jan. 1st to Dec. 15th, 1898.

Balance in Treas. hands—\$62 44

Taxes from Roll of 1897—\$451 29

For the year—\$224 48

Interest on same—\$2 83

Taxes from Roll of 1898—\$314 81

County grants on roads—\$37 50

Fees executors of late Simon Stiles estate—\$2 00

Legislative grant to Schools—\$420 00

For the year—\$9298 20

## EXPENDITURE

From Jan. 1st to Dec. 15th, 1898.

John A. Bell, debenture School—\$157 00

Stinson & Co., debenture School—\$152 46

Section No. 5—\$129 50

Thos. Wills, ordinary rates—\$15 05

Thos. Wills, county spec. rates—\$73 69

Thos. Wills, on ordinary rates of 1893—\$ 6 09

Wm. Meiklejohn, note—\$160 00

Interest on same—\$50 00

Paid Schools legislative grant—\$420 00

For the year—\$6123 00

## SCHOOLS.

No. 12—\$249 06

No. 3—\$49 86

No. 6—\$56 48

No. 15—\$174 80

No. 20—\$50 00

No. 8—\$65 45

No. 17—\$11 80

No. 14—\$34 04

No. 19—\$37 31

For the year—\$6366 54

PAUPERS.

Mrs. Small—\$50 00

Ann Wellman—\$18 00

Mrs. Orser—\$52 00

Dorland Caldwell—\$60 00

Wm. Wallace—\$104 85

Gordener—\$74 03

Wm. Carson—\$17 95

Isaiah Scrimshaw, coffin—\$12 00

LIABILITIES.

Due County Treasurer for rates for 1898—\$4253 74

James Currie, printing—\$50 00

Balance due Schools—\$279 77

Overdrawn on Treasury—\$149 60

ASSETS.

Assets over Liabilities—\$1068 44

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T. J. THOMPSON, Reeve.

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## PERSONALS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS invites the contribution to this column of all items of a personal nature, such as marriage, birth, death, guest, etc. Please notify the editor, or leave a note at this office or drop a card into the post office, giving full particulars.

Mrs. Collins and daughter, of Massena, N.Y., are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Frank Parr, and children, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bull.

Mr. Geo. Ferguson is home to spend the holidays.

Misses Milne, Steenfier and Thompson spent Sunday last with Miss Agnes Gayfer at their home at West Huntington.

Miss M. E. Thompson left yesterday morning to visit the Cheltenham Fair.

Mr. C. Clute, Q.C., of Toronto, visited his brother, Mr. T. G. Clute, on Tuesday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Youker, of Belleville, has been visiting with friends in town.

Mr. William Collins and family have again taken up their residence in Stirling.

Miss Archer, of Campbellford, who has been visiting Toronto, is now back to Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dobson and child, of Kingston, Mr. R. Dobson, of Picton, and Miss Rowena Dobson, of Stirling, are returning from their vacation at the Lake of the Woods.

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## FOR THE BOYS.

KETCHIN' SANTA CLAUS.  
See my grandpa on Christmas night,  
To me he said, "How it would be,  
'Bout ketchin' him Santa Claus to-night;  
An' tyin' him fas' with a big, stout  
string,  
An' takin' his pack an' everything,  
We'll have a good time, I think we might,  
Work it some way,  
What do you say,  
To ketchin' ol' Santa Claus to-night?"

My pa he said 'at we ought'n to.  
Said he, "He might catch me,  
An' come off on grandpa, too,  
An' takes us where nobody could tell,  
Er drop us way down in our old well;  
So I'd never come back to be his lit-  
tle boy,  
An' I'd be sorry,  
For grandpa an' me,  
An' would get him another new, nice  
little boy,  
An' grandpa said, wuz no danger of  
that."

Wuz an' an tall—  
No danger at all,  
An' hissed his voice—said he'd hit him  
With that!

He'd 'tend tried for to carry us off,  
An' said he that 'at that would be  
enough,

To fix of Santa Claus clean through.

An' I said, "My grandpa an' me,  
Made it up what we'd each have to do,

An' we set by the fire an' talked  
an' talked,

Jes' we two did.

After pa'd gone to bed,  
Told me all about how ol' Santa Claus  
looked,

With the kick an' the strap to hold  
in place,

An' with long, white hair all over his  
face,  
An' a big fur coat an' mittens, too,  
An' cap an' cap  
tell lots of he would—  
Ef a boy had been good—ef he want-  
ed to.

We wuz settin' an' talkin' jes' grand-  
an' an' me.

An' heuz something  
Jes' like sleigh-bells ring,

An' in come Santa Claus, sure as could  
be.

An' stomped the snow all off'n his  
clothes,

An' slapped his hands hard an' rubbed  
his nose,

And he never once noticed my grand-  
pa an' me.

An' went right there  
Where I hung on a chair  
An' wrap up my stockin' 'es full es  
could be.

An' then, sir, jes' es he wuz a startin'  
My grandpa, he.

Tuck off'n his knee,

An' jumped an' ketchin' him an' would-  
n't let go,

An' old Santa Claus pulled an' my  
grandpa did too,

Tell he said at he's stay of we want-  
ed him to go,

An' he said 'at we wouldn't need  
strings, because—

He didn't like strings,

An' tuck off his things—

An' sir, it wuz pa' at wuz Santa Claus!

## HE WANTED TO KNOW.

### An Inquisitive Youngster's Efforts to Obtain Information.

It was 2 o'clock in the morning, and Higgins was as sleepy as the average man is at that hour, but the little lad of 4 in his little bed near by was just as wide awake as some children are apt to be at any hour of the night.

"What is it?" asks papa.

"When is Christmas?"

"Oh before long."

"When is 'before long'?"

"Well it's soon. You go to sleep."

"I don't want to. I'm all waked up."

How soon is Christmas?"

"Next week?"

"Monday?"

"No—you go to sleep."

"The day after Monday!"

"No—not until Saturday. Now, you shut up your peepers right away. I want to go to sleep."

"I don't. Say, papa!"

"What do you want?"

"What are you going to buy me?"

"I can't tell yet."

"I wouldn't want you to if you could, papa."

"Why not?"

"I'd rather be s'prised."

"Well, supposing you s'prise me by going to sleep."

"That wouldn't be any s'prise, 'cause you'd know I was going to do it, say, papa, papa!"

"What now?"

"Sammy Smither says there ain't no such thing as a Santa Claus. There is, isn't there?"

"Oh, I suppose so."

"Sammy he said you and my mamma was all the Santa Claus there'd be in our house. He was a big old liar, wasn't he?"

"There! There! Don't you ever call any one a liar."

"Not even when they are one?"

"Not at all."

"You can if there litt'n you are, can't you?"

"You must never call any one a liar."

"Well, he is one all the same, isn't he?"

"You go to sleep."

"You're not Santa Claus, are you, papa?" If Sammy Smither says so again I'll—well, I guess I'll break his jaw."

"Don't you ever let me hear you say such a thing again. Now you go to sleep or maybe you'll not find anything at all in your stocking, Christmas morning."

"What you s'pose I'll find there if I'm good?"

"Oh, I don't know."

"Then you're not Santa Claus and

Sammy Smither is a big, old, har-  
dy, good, good! I s'pect me  
Sammy's fight about it and—"

"No, you'll not. But you'll go to sleep right now, because—"

"Do you s'pose I'll get a bike in my stocking?"

"No, I do not."

"Why?"

"Because you're not big enough to have one."

"But I'm gettin' bigger an' bigger all the time, an' my legs is get-  
ting longer an' longer an'—"

"Now, that will do. You shut right up."

"Sammy, he thinks he'll get a tri-  
cycle, but I'll bet he don't. I would-  
n't want one. They're only fit for  
girls!" Glad I ain't a girl, because  
you'll pose I'll get a railroad train,  
and then real smoke an' steam coming out  
of it!"

"No, I do not, but—"

"I'd rather have a steamboat to float  
with the tub on a real gun to shoot with. I know a boy I'd kill if I had  
a gun. Won't you buy me a gun?"

"No, and I'll not buy you anything if you want to go right along."

"Well, I guess I will. I don't want  
to know, though. I am asleep now, pa-  
pa. My eyes are shut just as tight! I'm  
all asleep. Are you, papa?"

"Yes."

"I am!"

He is at least still, and Higgins is  
thankful that he does not hear any-  
thing more from him that night.

## THE MISTLETOE BOUGH.

### Origin of the Christmas Tree and Decoration With Evergreens.

Among the votaries of the early  
Drauids there was a superstition that  
the houses should be decorated with  
evergreens in December, in order that  
the sylvan spirits might enter them  
and thus be kept free from the blast  
of the cold north wind and the frost  
until a milder season renewed the fol-  
age of their usual haunts.

The Christmas tree is really from  
Egypt, where the palm tree puts forth a  
branch every month, and where a  
spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on  
it, was used in Egypt at the time of  
the winter solstice as a symbol of the  
year completed.

Who does not know the poem begin-  
ning:

The mistletoe hung in the castle hall;  
The holly branch shone on the old oak  
wall?

Years ago over every man's door in  
England hung a sprig of mistletoe at this  
season. There still hovers a mys-  
terious charm about the mistletoe, and  
many a girl now, with a thrill of ex-  
pectancy, places a branch of it under  
the chandelier or over the door. Ac-  
cording to a former belief, when a  
girl is caught and kissed under the  
mistletoe a berry must be picked off  
with each kiss, and when the berries have  
all been plucked the privilege ceases.

Among the ancient Britons the mistletoe  
that grows on the oak tree was the  
kind held in favor. Because of its  
heathen origin it was not used often in  
the church, but in fact which is re-  
ferred to by Washington Irving in his  
"Bracebridge Hall," where he has the  
learned parson rebuke the unlearned  
knight for this very unchristian  
habit.

In Germany and Scandinavia the  
holly tree is called Christ's tree,  
because it puts forth its berries at  
Christmas time, and is especially  
fitted for church decorations.

The holly used to decorate at their  
feast of tabernacles with evergreens  
and flowers.

The laurel was used at the earliest  
time of the Romans as a decoction for  
all joyful occasions and is significant  
of peace and victory.

In some places it is customary to  
throw branches of laurel over the Christ-  
mas fire and watch for omens while  
the leaves curl and crackle in the  
heat and flame.

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# THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country. Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the World, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Owen Sound has purchased electric fire alarms.

Kingsland is flooded with Straits Settlements.

Hiram Maxim, the great gunmaker, is talking of building a great gun mill at Ottawa.

A handsome new theater, known as the Savoy, has been opened at Vancouver, B. C.

The American Shoe Company, of Montreal, paid £1,000 to have a bonus of \$355,000 to locate there.

The union carpenters of Winnipeg have decided to demand thirty cents an hour and a nine-hour day after May 1st next.

Scarlet fever has broken out at Medicine Hat, N.W.T., and the schools have been closed to prevent its spreading.

The Department of Customs have as present 11 vessels under seizure on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf for smuggling.

The all-call rate on wheat from Fort William to St. John, N.B., is now reduced by the Canadian Pacific from 23 to 25 cents per hundred pounds.

Ethel Curry, or Gosselin, formerly of Quebec, poisoned herself at Vancouver, B. C. A lover of hers is said to have been responsible of the suicide.

The London Street Railway Company has three lines to the city for \$20,000 damages for breach of duty during the recent trouble with the street railway employees.

During eleven months in 1898, 4,622 homesteads were entered in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, as compared with 2,932 in 1897. The new Winnipeg real estate men report largely increased sales of land to settlers.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, General Manager of the Grand Trunk, has been presented with a beautifully illuminated address by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in recognition of courteous reception at his hands.

The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company is asking the City of Hamilton for a 50 per cent. decrease in its taxes and water rates, in consideration of its constructing a line to serve the factories and other industries in the northeast section of the city.

The Great Northern Railway, Chedoke & Acoaster Railway will apply for an amended charter to build a line to Brantford, to change the ~~part~~ to the Hamilton Acoaster & Brantford Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

There seems to be a good chance of the opening of Arctic settlements to Canada at an early date. Rev. Father Jiron, an Armenian priest, is on his way to Manitoba, with a view of discovering whether the country is a suitable field for the establishment of a settlement of his fellow-countrymen.

GERALD BRITAIN.

The Shamrock, the Irish challenger for the American Cup, will be built by the Thomondorey Yacht Club.

It is said that a combination is being formed in the English bleaching trade. The trust has been started in North Lancashire.

The London Daily Mail credits the report that Australia will join with a Canada in defraying the cost of a Pan-Pacific railway.

At Liverpool the Marquis of Anglesey has been fined £20 for bringing a French bulldog from the United States to England without the necessary order from the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. William Watson, the poet, who enjoyed a small Government pension conferred by Lord Derby, has received through the death of his uncle a legacy considerable enough to assure him ample competence.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a despatch to Sir Herbert Murray, Governor of Newfoundland, declining to disallow the Red Rail railway contract, declaring that he cannot interfere with the legislative acts of a self-governing colony.

Dr. Stanley Kent of London has discovered a vaccine germ. This discovery is of the greatest importance, as it is the surest cultures removes the impure lymph, which has been the cause of the widespread infection in vaccination.

Lord Curzon, before leaving London, completed a book on "The Indian Frontier," and arranged for its publication with the Houghton Mifflin Co. The Queen pointed out the importance of the book when India by the Viceroy appeared during the Viceroy's term of office. Therefore the book has been withdrawn.

UNITED STATES.

A "Municipal Ownership League" has been formed at Chicago.

A man at Seattle, Wash., says six persons have been killed by a slide in the Chilkoot Pass.

Four girl students at Kimball Female Seminary, Meriden, Conn., have been expelled for smoking cigarettes.

The New York Board of Health has declared grip to be a contagious disease, and patients must be isolated.

One man, aged 36, of New York, not being able to make enough money to suit his father, drank carbolic acid and died.

The Carnegies have received an order for 40,000 tons of steel rails for the Cape, at 15 shillings per ton, under the English tenders.

Mr. Hollinger, a cook, is under arrest in Chicago, on a charge of having murdered his wife in order to get possession of her property.

Hon. E. A. Hitchcock, United States Ambassador to France, succeeded Mr. Bliss as Secretary of the Interior. The latter retires in February.

It is said at San Francisco that the North German Lloyd Steamship Co. have arranged to run a Pacific line from San Francisco to Seattle.

Dr. J. G. Campbell of Elmer, N.J.,

lived too fast for his income, and when the officers of the law got after him for recovery he shot himself.

The Schenectady, New York, Locomotive Works, have received an order from the Midland Railroad of England, for ten maggot freight locomotives.

Joseph W. Pearson, whistler, whistled missiles through the door and windows of the British Embassy at Washington, has been sent to an asylum.

The House at Washington is considering a bill to establish a cable with a capacity of fifteen words a minute, between the United States and Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China.

Two girls have died and the remainder of a family of eight, at Hillside, Ohio, are suffering and are expected to die from trichinosis contracted by eating pork recently killed.

S. McInnes, the Minnesota big game giant, is dead. He was 17 years of age, was 7 feet 2 inches in height, wore No. 24 shoes and No. 9 hat, and weighed 308 lbs.

In a suit against the Standard Oil Company, it is claimed that the company burned their books to evade an order of the United States Supreme Court for their production.

William Sims, a soldier, for murder.

Robert Hous, at Tonawanda Creek, Allegany, was dragged from the jail by the murderer's brother, hanged to a tree and riddled with bullets.

The United States House Committee on naval affairs has decided to favorably report a bill providing for the increase of the enlisted men of the navy to 20,000 men, 2,500 boys and apprentices.

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The acquiring of the shipyard at New River, Virginia, by Victoria & Maryland, and the construction of the *Victory*, fulfilling the contract with the United States Government for torpedoes, which would have been given to the Schwartzkopfs but for the anti-German feeling in the United States.

Thirty-two prominent cattlemen of South Dakota, who were indicted by a grand jury of the Fall River County, South Dakota, for cattle rustling, were tried at Hot Springs. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty after deliberating 15 minutes. The case was the outcome of the murder of John Heckman, a well known sheep man, at Fall River, Sept. 1. The trial was held at the station agent, arrest him, and I told Mr. Hume he had the man who did the shooting."

Station Agent Hume corroborates the boy's story, and the police put the blame on the station, on account of his profane language. He declared he had been robbed of his money, and he was going to get even. The shooting took place a few minutes subsequently.

## SHOT IN THE MOUTH.

The bullet entered the mouth knocking out two teeth, and was found embedded in the cheek. The man is a short-haired British bulldog, of calibre, and when recovered by the police had two chamber loaded and one containing an empty shell. Walker, the alleged companion of Stevens, denies all knowledge of the murder, and police are to have a full examination from him. From Brantford the evening previous and slept in a barn near the station after robbing the Fall River of Milton's hotel. Tuesday morning all four got drunk on the three bottles of whisky stolen. The man was found dead in his room, and the police are searching for the curly-headed tramp, as he is wanted for burglary in Brantford. Word was received that he had been put off the mail train at St. George, and his arrest looked for.

The Lower House of the Japanese Diet has passed a bill increasing the land tax.

The Russian railroad to Afghanistan has been completed to within 95 miles of Herat, the capital.

Grippe is epidemic in New York, the number of cases being reported. It is said to be due to the filthy condition of the streets.

Theodore Heine, the artist of Simplissimus, who caricatured Emperor William's trip to the Holy Land, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for so doing.

The Russian Minister of War, Lieutenant General Kropotkin, will be dismissed for countermanding an order given by the Grand Duke Vasilimir, who is commander of the St. Petersburg military district.

Lord Kitchener is organizing a campaign for the recovery for Egypt of the Soudan province still held by the Mahdists. Soudanese levies will be made in large part of the army of conquest.

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The London correspondent of a London paper says that the Pope, in response to another appeal from the Queen Regent of Spain, has confidentially written to Don Carlos asking him to stop the Carlist agitations.

Major Marchand and his party evaded capture by the rebels in the hills of Dronach, December 11, when the French flag was lowered and the British and Egyptian flags were hoisted. The French detachment started for the Soba River.

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## North Hastings Election.

The election in North Hastings which took place last Tuesday resulted in the return of Mr. W. J. Allen, the Conservative candidate, by a considerably increased majority. The returns are not yet all to hand, but so far as known his majority is nearly 600. In Stirling village Mr. Lott's majority was 17.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has published a list of Cheese Factories and Creameries in Ontario, and the list is a formidable one showing the great extent and value of the dairy interests of this Province. There are 1,295 cheese factories and 228 creameries in Ontario. The latter does not include the skimming stations, which if added, would bring the total upwards of 250. In Creameries Oxford county leads with 18; Perth and Leeds 17 each; Hastings and Grenville 15 each; Glengary 12, and Northumberland 7.

In cheese factories Hastings county takes the lead with 95 factories; Leeds next with 81; Prescott 62; Dundas 55; Frontenac and Caledon 54 each; Glengary 48; Oxford 45; Russell 44; Northumberland 43; Stormont 42; and Peterborough 35. In looking over the list one cannot help but notice the great extent of the dairying interest in the eastern counties as shown in the above list.

## Village Nominations.

The nominations for Reeve, Councilors, and three trustees for the School Board took place at the Town Hall on Monday evening. At 7.30 the Clerk, Mr. J. S. Black, took his place at the desk and called for nominations. A large number of the villagers had already gathered, and soon the hall was well filled, showing that great interest was taken in the selecting of proper persons to preside over the affairs of the village for the ensuing year.

The following nominations were then made, in writing, the papers being handed up to the Clerk:—

## FOR REEVE.

Nominees. Mover. Seconder.

T. H. McKeon. L. McKelejohn. G. L. Scott. D. C. Scott.

R. Parker, M.D. T. H. McKeon. W. S. Martin. W. S. Martin.

H. S. Ferguson. G. E. Whitty. J. E. Halliwell. J. E. Halliwell.

G. G. Lott. J. D. Boddick. W. S. Martin. W. S. Martin.

J. E. Halliwell. G. S. Sturz. John McKeon.

## FOR COUNCILLORS.

J. E. Halliwell. L. McKelejohn. J. Boddick.

L. McKelejohn. T. H. McKeon. T. H. McKeon.

W. H. Calder. G. E. Whitty. W. H. Calder.

J. F. Conney. W. H. Calder. W. H. Calder.

W. S. Martin. F. T. Ward. F. T. Ward.

J. H. Parker. L. McKelejohn. L. McKelejohn.

Chas E. Parker. C. J. Halliwell. C. J. Halliwell.

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J. F. Conney. J. E. Halliwell. J. E. Halliwell.

H. K. Kerr. J. W. Ward. J. W. Ward.

T. V. Ward. John Conney. John Conney.

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G. E. Whitty. C. J. Boddick. C. J. Boddick.

John Conney. J. E. Halliwell. J. E. Halliwell.

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J. E. Halliwell. T. H. McKeon. T. H. McKeon.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Jas Boddick. J. E. Halliwell. J. E. Halliwell.

F. T. Ward. W. S. Martin. G. F. Sturz.

L. McKelejohn. F. B. Parker. H. Kerr.

After the expiration of the hour allowed for nominations, Mr. Black called upon the different candidates to address the meeting, beginning with some of the members of the old Council.

Mr. Ferguson was the first speaker. He referred to the financial statement and thought the village is now in as good a position as it was a year ago. As to waterworks he said that in consequence of a largely signed petition a by-law was submitted and carried by a good majority. A sample of the water had been forwarded to the Board of Health at Toronto, at their request, and a reply as to the water was not received until too late to do anything this fall. Mr. Carter, who had been engaged in the ground, had been pack-

ed up so that the cost of a 12-inch

the village would be \$19,500.

He thought, was rather high, and more than we can afford. He next referred to the mill question, and the remission of taxes. He requested the Clerk to read the minutes of the last meeting, which was done. He said the Council had not remitted the taxes and would not.

T. H. McKeon was the next speaker.

He was not on the street committee this year, having been left off at his own request, and had no fault to find with the work done. As to finances, he had taken no part in looking after them, leaving that to the Reeve, as was the usual custom.

On looking over the financial statement he found there was a small balance left from last year unpaid.

In reference to waterworks, he was in favor of the scheme, but if the cost was to be \$25,000 or \$30,000 he thought we could not afford it, and would oppose their construction. In reference to the mill exemption, he thought it to the village's advantage to have a mill, and that the construction would cost \$10,000. He would be opposed to the mill, and for the reeve.

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# ROUND THE WHOLE WORLD.

## WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly—Interesting Happenings of Recent Days.

Single stockings worn by women is the form seen by the latest London fashion insanity.

All of the New Testament has been translated for the first time into one of the Australian native dialects by German missionaries.

Young Charles I's pale blue silk under-kirt worn by him on his scaffold and shirt, stained with his blood, brought \$1,022 at auction.

Queen Victoria.

Twenty-first Earl, who made a charge at Omdurman, the man who administered justice.

Municipal honors have paled on the British peers. Only two—the Earl of Sandringham and Lord Forester—have mounted mayoralties this year; three years ago the office of Mayor was filled by eleven peers.

Two crocodiles in a circus at Bayeux, France, got into a fight in which a hind leg of one of the beasts was badly lacerated. A veterinary surgeon was called in, who amputated the leg successfully, the crocodile being as lively as ever.

President Faure's daily mail is said to contain the average 700 letters which are begging letters, 150 are on political matters, 100 complaints from criminals, 80 anonymous insults, and 20 threats of death.

Major Count Stolberg-Wernigerode, who killed a Sergeant with a blow of his sabre last fall on account of a hitch in the camp cooking, has been sentenced by court-martial to be dismissed from the German army and to be imprisoned for forty months.

Japan with a population of 45,000,000 has 220 towns that have more than 400,000 inhabitants. In 1896 the number of such towns was 117. Osaka's inhabitants increased from 360,000 to 610,000 inhabitants in ten years. Yokohama from 89,000 to 180,000. Kobe from 80,000 to 185,000. Tokio has now a population of 1,300,000.

A license for stage plays, granted to the Cripplegate Institute, is the first such permission ever given by the Lord Chamberlain's office to a place within the walls of the city of London. The old City of London Theatre stood outside the walls, and in Shakespeare's time the Lord Chamberlain had nothing to do with the theatres.

Aettinghausen, a village in the Swiss canton of Uri, as one of the homes of William Tell try to keep up its reputation for shooting straight. Out of 500 inhabitants, 184 men and women are skilled rifle shot. The first prize in the last Schutzenfest was carried off by a 15-year-old girl. Her father, seven brothers and three sisters all shot, the family taking nine prizes.

Birmingham has received the offer of several important modern English paintings on condition that a suitable gallery be built for them. They include George Frederick Watts's "Aspiration" and his portrait of Burne-Jones, Holman Hunt's "The Triumph of the Cross," Burne-Jones's "The Marvellous Knight," the "Garden of the Hesperides" and the "Pygmalion" series.

Mrs. Ann Smith of Worcester, England, 110 years of age, has spent over a hundred years of her life in travelling from fair to fair in a van. She has had sixteen children, and one of her daughters, now 80 years of age, has also had sixteen. Mrs. Smith eats four meals a day, drinks sparingly, and smokes a clay pipe steadily, and attends to all her household duties herself.

An English defaulter bank manager, who had eluded the police for three years by staying in a seaside village near Plymouth has been discovered by a strange accident. While sitting on the beach with a young woman watching the warships a sailor on board a cruiser, who happened to come from town, whence the defaulter had absconded, looked through a telescope, recognized him, and informed the police.

Following on the Mohegan wreck comes another strange disaster on the English coast. The cargo steamer Bluejacket, bound from Plymouth to Cardiff, on a clear night ran into the Longships Lighthouse at Land's End. The ship first struck the rock on which the lighthouse stands and was then pushed directly under it. While waiting for help to come to their assistance the sailors conversed with the lightkeepers above them.

Prof. Grassi's discovery that the Romanians spread by a particular species of gnats has been verified in a manner at the Santo Spirito in Rome. All attempts to drive the disease to animals have failed, but the experiment was exposed to the public, after his blood was taken by the doctors.

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and asked to be released. Justice Reiner directed the rescinding of the lease, as there was no doubt that an action against the school as a nuisance would succeed.

Prince Henry of Prussia, the Kaiser's sister-in-law, is about to make a sea voyage half way around the world against her will. The Kaiser called on her recently and told her that he would give her a free hand to spend Christmas with her husband in Kiao-Chou. The Princess thought he was joking, and said that she was content to suffer the lot of other sailors' wives and children. He, however, declared that he meant what he said, and that Prince Henry would not be recalled till the end of the year. Emperor was called to use his influence, and Princess Henry was obliged to submit.

### PECULIAR JUSTICE.

Men of Africa Think It Should Be Administered.

It is a well-adjusted requires in his mind and a readiness to deal with one's question; but to deal with one's neighbor according to that neighbor's idea of justice, when the neighbor chimes to be a native of Africa, would probably be found beyond the capacity of the average man. It would surely require an African mind to discover the justice of a claim made by a native some years ago. The story is told by Dr. Good.

A leopard was the cause of the trouble. The savage beast killed a fine calf belonging to the Rev. William Walker of the American mission in Gaboon. Luckily for the missionary, he succeeded in driving away the thief before it had time to devour or to carry off its prey. It was in doing this that he acted "unjustly," as the sequel showed.

On that same night the chief man of one of the little towns that make up Gaboon had a pig taken by a leopard. It was natural to suppose that the thief was the same animal which the missionary had sent away hungry. Had the missionary allowed his calf to be eaten, the chief man's pig would have been saved. To the African mind the obligation was plain. The man came the next morning to Mr. Walker asking for payment for his pig, and demanding that the leopard be given up to him. He accordingly paid another two hundred dollars to procure for him the coveted goods.

The astutest took the money and did his best to hide it, but Mr. Cameron, the chief English locator of oil articles that the fellow's employer had set his heart upon. The man could not carry out his bargain, and neither did he feel that he could part with the money. Then he turned to Mr. Walker. What more logical than that the man who was the loser by two hundred dollars should expect the explorer to make the loss good? This he assuredly did.

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How much easier it is to forgive an error than to be worsted than one who has worsted us.

Wise is the individual who can condense a peck of trouble so that it will go into a quart measure.

Some men have a regular Sunday morning attack of homesickness when the church bells ring.

It may be cowardly to kick a man when he is down, but it is sometimes necessary in order to get him up.

Although a man may acknowledge he has faults he seldom owns up to those his friends accuse him of.

It's unwise to judge a man by the criticisms of his enemies. Only his friends can properly denounce him.

A woman is always perfectly sure that she is right, until she comes across her opinion with money.

A matrimonial agency offers to supply any man with a wife for \$5. It costs less to get into trouble than it does to get out again.

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### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Dogs that bark at night often bite the dust.

A sailing race often turns out to be a racing scull.

Many noted men are lost to sight after an election.

A rule may work both ways and still be a poor one.

The good worm will turn—perhaps in a Justinian.

The poor's new suit is often but an "Owed to a Taylor."

Only the man with the little head brags of his small feet.

The man who never failed is unable to appreciate success.

The vegetarian certainly ought to be able to give sage advice.

The man who never gives a man his due is really worth hating.

When marriage is a failure the husband sometimes liquidates.

A good example may be a disease, but it is seldom contagious.

He who runs may read—of his defeat the day after the election.

A woman never forgives a man his failure to ask to be forgiven.

It's sometimes difficult to distinguish a bad man from a butcher.

The man who never gives a good points is more intelligent than Square.

There are times when economy is more foolish than extravagance.

As soon as we can get along without it ceases to melt so rapidly.

Paradoxical as it may seem, a cook may get fat while wasting away.

Long hair on a man is very apt to cover a multitude of cranky ideas.

Lovemaking at a rattling gait has now been transferred to the parlor.

Throwing mud at a good man only results in soiling your own hands.

The law's delay doesn't apply to the law of the land.

Experience is a teacher of mankind and some men will learn of no other.

There is a big difference between a workingman and a working politician.

It's better to accept some statements than to bother hunting up the proofs.

Art may be long at times, but it's usually too short to make both ends meet.

When a man is riding a hobby it's always a good plan to give him a road.

A philosopher says that theorists are fools. This theory of his proves it.

Lots of men are unable to sit in their own canoes, much less paddle them.

In time of peace a soldier is about as useful as a sealskin cape in August.

Some feminine matchmakers seem to be a speciality of friction matches.

The more glasses a man looks through the more strange things he can see.

Too much of the repented nowadays is done in broadcloth and ashes of roses.

There is no uncertainty about the age of the man who thinks he knows it all.

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### MAN IN HIS PRIME.

Age at Which He is at His Best in Mental and Physical Strength.

The question has often been asked, When is man in his prime? but, for obvious reasons, a satisfactory answer has never been given. If "prime" be taken as the time when a man's intellectual powers are most highly developed, then it is apparent at once that this is not likely to correspond to the age when he is in the prime of physical strength.

Tests to determine when a man is at his best physically and mentally have recently been made in London, and the results have caused a deal of astonishment to those who believe man is in his prime between the ages of forty or fifty.

Tests of the strength, mental and physical, of several thousand persons were made, and these are given as the average figures for the white race.

At the age of 20 the strength of a youth of seventeen years is 290 pounds; in the twentieth year this increases to 320 pounds, and in the thirtieth and thirty-first years it reaches its height, 365 pounds.

For the fortieth year it has 330 pounds, and until the fiftieth year is reached, when the figure is 330 pounds.

Men's statistics were based on how many of the men in a book could memorize in a given time.

The tests were made in English Board schools, colleges and Oxford University.

It was found that youths of eighteen years could memorize the text of St. Matthew's Gospel in a contest between students and instructors at Oxford, and the dross were left far behind by their young competitors.

The facsimile of the verse from "The Oxyrhynchus Papyri" is given, by permission of the hon. secretary of the Egypt Exploration Fund.

The condition of the recto is not so good, the writing in some parts being entirely effaced.

### THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A noteworthy fact is that the two sides of the leaf containing the St. Matthew are numbered a and b, and is also worthy of notice that the verso is uppermost.

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